

FRIDAY

Bingo will be held at 1 p.m. at the Westminster Council on Aging, 127 Main St., **Westminster**. Enjoy special bingo games, door prizes, and lots of fun. For information, call (978) 874-7402.

The World Day of Prayer service, hosted by The First Church of Templeton, on the **Templeton** Common, will be held at 2 p.m. in its lower chapel hall. The 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. This event was postponed from March 2. For information, call (978) 939-8688.

A traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner and celebration will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Senior Center, 14 Wallace Ave. Entertainment will be provided by Frank Dionne; a raffle and Chinese Auction will also be held. Cost is \$10; \$8 for seniors ages 60 and over. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Enjoy great food and time with family and friends at Madonna of the Holy Rosary's Fish Fry beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the church, located on Theresa Street, **Fitchburg**.

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held at the Sheraton Four Points, Erdman Way, **Leominster**. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 7 p.m. Music and dancing provided by Frank Mangan. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Worcester Northern, with proceeds to benefit vocations. Tickets are \$25 per person. For information, or to purchase tickets, call (978) 537-9335.

The Fitchburg Irish-American Association will hold its annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. Cocktail hour will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner at 7 p.m. Music and dancing to the popular Irish group "Erin's Melody" will follow from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For tickets and information, call (978) 345-5232.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the ACT 3rd Friday coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, 20 Memorial Drive, **Ashburnham**. Eric Lilljequist – a talented songwriter, vocalist, and guitarist has been entertaining audiences for nearly two decades — will be the featured performer. An assortment of baked goods as well as coffee and herbal teas available. Suggested donation is \$5. If you would like to sign up to perform on the open mike portion of future programs, call Lois Somers at (978) 827-4301.

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

SATURDAY

The Drawbridge Puppet Theater, 1335 Massachusetts Ave., **Lunenburg**, presents "The Wind & The Sun" and "How the Elephant Got His Trunk" at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For information, call (978) 582-6565.

The 2007 Ashby Land Trust Annual Meeting and Raptor Encounter Program will be held at 10:30 a.m. at First Parish Unitarian Church, Main Street, **Ashby**. Free. For information, call (978) 386-5591.

In solemn commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the Iraq War, the Montachusett Coalition for Peace & Justice invites the community to gather at the Upper Commons Park in **Fitchburg** from 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact MontachusettCPJ@aol.com.

The **Ashburnham** American Legion will host a meat raffle at 2 p.m. Six hundred pounds of meat and a seafood table will be featured. Raffles will also be held; with proceeds to benefit various community causes.

Little Angels St. Patrick's Day bowling will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Putnam Street Alleys, 14 Putnam St., **Fitchburg**. Open to

COMMUNITY CHOICE



The Fitchburg Public Library Sunday Performing Arts Series will present a concert of Irish music at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the library, 610 Main St. Flutist Peter Bloom and harpist Mary Jane Rupert form a duo called "Two." Their program, "Celtic Classical," is a tribute to the ancient music of Ireland, including the traditional melodies and airs played by masters of the Irish harp. Partially funded by the Robert Rice Sr. Trust Fund. Doors open at 2:15 p.m.; admission is free. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

children of all ages. Cost per child is \$7 and includes three strings of bowling, shoe rental, fellowship, and great Christian music.

A Corned Beef Dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 63 Sheridan St., **Fitchburg**. Corned beef and more (pinchos, empanadas, yellow rice and lasagna) will be served. Tickets, sold at the door, are \$7; \$4 for children. Take-out available.

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church St., **Westminster**. Corned beef and cabbage with vegetables or ziti with meatballs, including salad, rolls, coffee, punch and dessert will be served. Tickets, available at the door, are \$8; \$5 for children under 12 (free for children under 6). For information, call (978) 874-0639.

The Townsend United Methodist Church will hold a St. Patrick's Day Supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, located at 265 Main St., **Townsend**. Authentic Irish recipes of Glens of Antrim Irish Stew, Irish Chicken-Leek Pie, Dublin Coddle, Colcannon, vegetables, Irish soda bread and assorted pastries will be served. Take-out available. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$5 for children (under 5 years old eat free). For information, call (978) 597-2486.

A Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Peoples Church, 56 S. Main St., **Ashburnham**. Tickets are \$5; (children under 12 years old eat free); \$15 maximum per family.

The Men's Group and Outreach Committee of Emanuel Lutheran Church will host a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 1200 John Fitch Highway, **Fitchburg**. Ronald F. Lange will present a narrated 100-slide show of Yellowstone National Park at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8; \$4 for children under 12. Proceeds will support the church. Tickets should be purchased in advance; will also be available at the door. For information, call (978) 345-1200.

The Oakmont Booster Club presents a St. Patrick's Day Tasting Event from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Road, **Gardner**. The event will feature wine, cheese, fruit and beer samples, courtesy of the Colonial Hotel and Anheuser-Busch & Budweiser. Musical entertainment will be held, courtesy of Cailte Kelley. Tickets are \$15 per person. For information, or tickets, contact Gabe Goodale at (978) 874-5349 or Maureen Dupuis at The Colonial Hotel (978) 630-2500 Ext. 455.

The Central Mass Repertory Theatre presents "The Good Doctor" at 8 p.m. at the Leominster Synagogue, Congregation Agudat Achim, 268 Washington St., **Leominster**. For tickets, and information, call (978) 534-5800 or visit their Web site at www.thecmrt.org.

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.

SUNDAY

A pancake breakfast, to benefit Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue, will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion, School Street, **Winchendon**. Enjoy a homemade breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, homemade breads, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$5; \$3 for children 10 and under. For information, contact Nancy Regan at www.ahimsahaven.org

A pancake breakfast will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, Eaton Street, **Westminster**. The event, sponsored by the Westminster Lions Club, and will benefit the Overlook Middle School SOAR program. The breakfast includes pancakes (with as many second helpings as desired), ham, orange juice, coffee and milk. Tickets are \$3 each (children under 6 years old eat free).

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The **Fitchburg** Public Library Sunday Performing Arts Series presents the flute and harp duo "Two" at 2:30 p.m. at the library, 610 Main St. Flutist Peter Bloom and harpist Mary Jane Rupert will play a program of traditional and contemporary Irish music. Free. For information, call (97) 345-9635.

The Central Mass Repertory Theatre presents "The Good Doctor" at 3 p.m. at the Leominster Synagogue, Congregation Agudat Achim, 268 Washington St., **Leominster**. For tickets, and information, call (978) 534-5800 or visit their Web site at www.thecmrt.org.

Dance2Swing Studios presents Ms. Marci and the Love Sick Hounds at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. They will play the blues that will keep you swingin' all night. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their website at www.dance2swing.com

MONDAY

Donald McPherson, a former NFL player and college athlete, will speak to students about gender socialization and violence at 4 p.m. in the Hammond Campus Center, **Fitchburg** State College. For information, call Erin Travia, at (978) 665-3152.

TUESDAY

Toddler story time will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the **Townsend** Public Library, Room 2, Memorial Hall. For children ages 2- to 4-years-old; siblings welcome. For information, or to register in advance, call the library at (978) 597-1714.

The Film "Water," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the Ellis White Auditorium, Hammond Campus Center, **Fitchburg** State College. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

The Twin City Toastmasters will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ronald M. Ansin Foundation Office, 1 Main St., **Leominster**. The meeting will feature the club's annual International Speech Contest. To learn more, contact club President Sara Marks at (978) 343-7259 or visit www.twincitytoastmasters.com.

The Leominster Art Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Christ, 583 Main St., North **Leominster**. Virginia Hill will demonstrate the use of water-colors with different substrates. Guest fee is \$5. For information, call Eleanor DeLiberato at (978) 537-3898.

WEDNESDAY

The Westminster Seniors Friendship Club will host a St. Patrick's Day party at 1:30 p.m. at St. Edward's Church, Church Street, **Westminster**. Wear something green and enjoy a skit by Thelma Osgood and music by George Engman. Meetings are open to seniors 55 years of age and older from Westminster and neighboring towns. For information, call (978) 874-2445.

A Women's History Month Tea will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Miller Oval Room, Miller Hall, **Fitchburg** State College. Guest speaker, Dr. Janice Alberghene, will present "An Appetite for Alcott." For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

The Ashburnham-Westminster Rotary Club will host their First Annual Vocational Awards Night at 6:30 p.m. at the **Wachusett Village Inn**. The event will feature a cocktail hour, dinner, and an awards presentation. This year's recipients will be: Lawrence, School Nurse, Ashburnham/Westminster School District; Sylvia Turcotte, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator, Town of Ashburnham; and Betty Kazan, Town Hall Secretary, Town of Westminster.

If interested in attending, contact either the Westminster or Ashburnham Town Hall or contacting Rotarian Laurie Benson at (978) 490-9320. Cost is \$25 per person.

Ashby Grange is pleased to present "Tap Into Nature's Sweetness" at 7 p.m. at the **Ashby** Grange Hall, located in the center of town. Ashby resident and maple syrup producer, Katy Sutton-Brown, will be sharing her experiences and knowledge at an informal talk on home production of maple syrup. Free; refreshments served.

The Parent-Student Book Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the **Townsend** Public Library, Room 1 of Memorial Hall. The group will be talking about "The Fire Within" by Chris D'Lacey. Open to 4th- and 5th-graders and their parents. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up your copy of the book; refreshments served. For information, call (978) 597-1714.

THURSDAY

The Registry of Motor Vehicles will present "Shifting Gears" from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Senior Center, 127 Main St., **Westminster**. The program will provide valuable tips on how to be the best driver possible, discuss the warning signs of unsafe driving, and offers advice on making the transition from driver to passenger. Registry representatives will be available to answer questions. For information, call (978) 874-7402.

Story time with Jerry Johnson will be held at 11 a.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. For children ages 3 to 5 with a parent/guardian. Free. For information, call (978) 345-4207.

A Video collage: "FemLink: Fragility," will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Ellis White Lecture Hall, Hammond Campus Center, **Fitchburg** State College. Admission is \$7; \$5 for FSC staff; \$3 for students. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.