

FRIDAY

The Ashburnham COA is providing van transportation for lunch at the 99 Restaurant in **Fitchburg**. Shopping afterward at the various stores and markets on John Fitch Highway. The van will pick you up at your door and bring you home. Please call ahead to reserve a seat on the van at (978) 827-5000.

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**.

The Academy Award winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" will be presented at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Townsend Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 5 Brookline St., **Townsend**. Mark Durrenberger, one of a thousand people selected and trained by former Vice President Al Gore, will lead a discussion after the film presentation. Free. For information, call (978) 597-8925.

Montachusett Singles will meet at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Route 13, **Leominster**. Kevin Flaherty, clinical manager of Ramsey Rehab, will talk on "Fitness Over 50." Refreshments served. Dues are \$3. For information, call (978) 342-2551.

SATURDAY

Townsend Methodist Church will host a Ready Set Crop's "Cabin Fever" scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the church, 265 Main St., **Townsend**. Cost is \$30 and includes food, beverages and snacks all day; 4-feet of scrapping space; free use of Stamping and Die Cut Stations; and hourly door prizes. For information, or to register, contact Kristin Call Tegg at (978) 877-0569.

The **Ashburnham** Historical Society and Rick Allain will host a Maple Sugaring Demonstration and pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. at 60 Russell Hill Road. The event will be followed by a meeting of the historical society's members and any new members. Free; all welcome.

An indoor flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 138 Main St., **Westminster**. A coffee shop, lunch room and bake sale will be open during the flea market. To reserve a table, call (978) 874-0632. Cost is \$15.

There will be a giveaway of clothes, books, toys, videos and other miscellaneous items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peoples Church, 56 S. Main St., **Ashburnham**.

Fitchburg State College will sponsor a field trip at 9:30 a.m. to the Orchard House, home of Louisa May Alcott, in **Concord**. Admission is \$6 for students; \$7 for adults. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

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.

Join Emily Norton on the first weekend of Spring for a hike in Townsend State Forest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hikers will meet at the Memorial Hall parking lot behind the Town Hall building in **Townsend** Center. Come dressed for the weather and hiking conditions, be there snow or mud! Bring water and a picnic lunch. Carpool to the trail head on Fessenden Hill Road and hike to the Dead Swamp. For information, or to register, call Emily at (978) 597-3553.

The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's School, 130 Salem St., **Fitchburg**. Proceeds to benefit the only local shelter providing transitional housing and support services to families facing homelessness because of job loss or financial crisis. Tickets are \$6, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12 (under 5 eat free).

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COMMUNITY CHOICE



TOWNSEND - Townsend Methodist Church will host a Ready Set Crop's "Cabin Fever" scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the church, 265 Main St. Cost is \$30 and includes food, beverages and snacks all day; 4-feet of scrapping space; free use of Stamping and Die Cut Stations; and hourly door prizes. For information, or to register, call (978) 877-0569.

199 Main St., **Fitchburg**. Free desserts and coffee will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. Call (978) 342-0432, Ext. 6.

Members of Mistral will carry the audience away to a world of exquisite Italian music at 8 p.m. in Kent Recital, **Fitchburg** State College. A 20-minute, pre-concert Spotlight Talk with the musicians is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20; \$18 for FSC staff, seniors, groups; and \$7 for FSC students and under 18/reserved seating.

SUNDAY

The Drawbridge Puppet Theater, 1335 Massachusetts Ave., **Lunenburg**, presents "The Wind & The Sun" and "How the Elephant Got His Trunk" at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For information, call (978) 582-6565.

The Rollstone Performing Arts Series (R*PAS) will perform "And Then There Were None" in Cookman Hall, Rollstone Church, 199 Main St., **Fitchburg**. Free desserts and coffee will be served at 2 p.m., followed by the performance at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. Call (978) 342-0432, Ext. 6.

The Ashby Crossroads, a country gospel singing group with the **Ashby** Congregational Church, will perform a concert at 4 p.m. at the church, located on the common. A "free-will offering" dinner will follow. If you plan to attend the dinner, please call Cathy at (978) 386-5502.

Dance2Swing Studios presents JoJoMima at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. JoJoMima is an early 1960s band with band members from Laded Dice. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their Web site at www.dance2swing.com

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 Ashburnham COA will host their monthly "Pizza and Bingo for a Buck" at noon at the COA, 1 Memorial Drive, **Ashburnham**. One dollar buys your lunch, dessert and bingo card. All seniors welcome. Rides available. For information, or reservations, call (978) 827-5000.

The 7th Annual Taste of Nashoba Valley will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Lawrence Academy Gymnasium, **Groton**. Representatives from the area's finest restaurants, caterers, gourmet and ethnic markets, wineries and brew houses will offer samples of food and beverages. For information, or tickets, call (978) 772-6976.

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.

Twin City Toastmasters will meet at 7 p.m. at the Ronald M. Ansin Foundation Community Conference Room, 1 Main St., **Leominster**. For information, visit www.twincitytoastmasters.com. or contact club President Sara Marks at (978) 343-7259.

The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 129, **Gardner**. Pauline Cusson, from the New England Historical Genealogical Society of Boston, will speak on French Canadian Research. Donation is \$2. For information, call (978) 345-5451.

WEDNESDAY

A teacher workshop - "Water, Water, Everywhere! Cruising the Inland Waterway with Ansel Adams" - will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Free; registration required. For information, call (978) 345-4207.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School will host an Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school, 1050 Westminster St., **Fitchburg**. The open house will feature school information; the school's 10th annual Monty Tech Antique Car Show; and a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$3 (children under 5 eat free).

A Panel discussion: "Sisters in Crime," will be held at 3:30 p.m., in the Main Lounge, Hammond Campus Center, **Fitchburg** State College. Mystery writers Vicki Stiefel, Nancy Means Wright, Leslie Meier and Ellen Perry Berkeley will lead the panel discussion. For information, call Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

THURSDAY

"Three Growth Disciplines of Successful Companies/How to Build a Sustained Growth Business" will be presented from 8 to 10 a.m. at North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, 860 South St., **Fitchburg**. Presented by Christopher DiCenso, Managing Partner and Founder of Growth Strategy Partners and John Geisel, a partner in the firm. Cost is \$10 for members, \$30 for non-members. For information, call (978) 353-7600, Ext. 234.

The United Way of North Central Massachusetts will hold its 27th Campaign Recognition and Thank You event at 5 p.m. at the Colonial Hotel & Conference, 625 Betty Spring Road, **Gardner**. Tickets are \$25; includes hors d'oeuvres. For information, call (978) 345-1577.

The Entrepreneurial Resource Center at Mount Wachusett Community College will present a free seminar "An Effective Business Plan for Your Small Business" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 125 at the **Gardner** campus. Pre-registration requested. To register, call (978) 630-9123. For information, call (978) 630-9124.

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A Dr. Seuss story and craft time will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Townsend Public Library, Room 2, Memorial Hall. Listen to "Yertle the Turtle," "Horton Hatches the Egg", and a few other stories by Dr. Seuss. A related craft will follow. For information, call the **Townsend** Public Library at (978) 597- 1714.

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**.

Hawthorne Brook PTO will hosts its Student/Faculty Basketball Game at 6 p.m. in the **North Middlesex Regional High School Gym**. Admission is \$5 at the door. Refreshments available. Tickets will be available for \$4 during lunch periods at Hawthorne Brook on March 29 and 30.

The Christian Performing Arts Theatre will perform The Tale of the Three Trees at 7 p.m. in the Guild Hall Theatre, Christ Church, 569 Main Street, **Fitchburg**. For ticket information, visit www.christianartsfitchburg.com or call (978) 345-2915. All tickets are \$3.

SATURDAY

The ninth annual Young Children's Festival will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Overlook Middle School, **Ashburnham**. The Ashburnham-Westminster Community Partnership celebrates the Week of the Young Child at this free festival, providing fun, hands-on activities and crafts for young children, various entertainers, a family raffle, a family show, snacks, and valuable resources for families.

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.

A baby exercise class will be held from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Youth Library, 610 Main St. For children ages 12-months to 24-months old. Please bring a blanket or sheet. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

The Christian Performing Arts Theatre will perform "The Tale of the Three Trees" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Guild Hall Theatre, Christ Church, 569 Main Street, **Fitchburg**. For ticket information, visit www.christianartsfitchburg.com or call (978) 345-2915. All tickets are \$3.

St. Bernard's Elementary School will host its annual Spaghetti Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the school, 254 Summer St., **Fitchburg**. Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and desserts will be served. Tickets are \$6; \$5 for seniors; \$4 for children under 12. Raffles will be held. For information, call (978) 342-1948.

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

The 6th Annual Ashburnham-Westminster Community Benefit Hockey Game will be held at 5 p.m. at the Iorio Arena on the campus of Cushing Academy, **Ashburnham**. This year's game will benefit the family of Cris Rasmussen. Cris is a 4th grade student at Briggs Elementary School, Ashburnham. He has spina bifida and hydrocephalus and is confined to wheelchair. Proceeds to help offset the cost of a van with a special lift/ramp to help with Cris's transportation.

The Annual Sugar Supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashby Grange Hall, **Ashby** Town Center. Baked ham, maple syrup baked beans, cole slaw, homemade breads and donuts, deviled eggs, coffee or tea, and the famous "sugar on snow" will be served. Tickets are \$8; \$7 for children and seniors. Reservations required. For information, or to make reservations, call (978) 386-2219.