

## FRIDAY

A Band-Aid Concert will be held at 7 p.m. at North Middlesex Regional High School, 19 Main St., **Townsend**. Proceeds from the concert will help to fund the Louisiana Community Service trip.

"Stratton Spring Break: A Festival of Short Plays" will be held at 8 p.m. at Stratton Players, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (978) 345-6006.

St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School will present the musical, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at 8 p.m. in the Glenn F. Downer Auditorium, 45 Harvard St., **Fitchburg**. Advanced tickets are \$8; \$6 for students and seniors; or at the door \$10; \$8 for students and seniors. The Annual Art Exhibit will be held in the School Library. Tickets are available by calling (978) 342-3212; for information, visit their school Web site at <http://stb.echalk.com>.



## SATURDAY

A yard sale fundraiser will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 22 Bacon St., **Westminster**. All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Family\* Friends\* Forever team. For information, call Betty Robbins, at (978) 874-0059.

A yard sale to benefit The Master's Christian Academy will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 155 Green St., **Gardner** (near Heywood Hospital). There will be a craft table, a bake goods table, and free face painting for the children. Rain date is May 12.

A Fly Fishing Seminar, with Eino Kauppi, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Meet at Pearl Hill State Park parking lot on New Fitchburg Road, West **Townsend**. Be treated to an overview of the sport of fly fishing, including the aspects of casting, equipment, the fish's environment, and the practice of good conservation. For information, call (978) 597-0248. Sponsored by the Friends of Willard Brook

Miss Emma's Tea will host a Royal Gala, featuring Cinderella, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Royal Plaza, Route 31, **Fitchburg**. The event will feature tea sandwiches, fruit, cookies and drinks, musical games, dancing, and picture opportunities with Cinderella. For children ages 3 and up. Reservations requested. Cost is \$17. For information, call (978) 537-6945.

A Beaver Hike, with **Townsend** resident Eino Kauppi, will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn about the beaver's life history, its habitat, and its role in nature. Meet at Pearl Hill State Park parking lot. For information, call (978) 597-0248. Sponsored by the Friends of Willard Brook.

Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul will perform at 8 p.m. at Theatre of the Mount, Mount Wachusett Community College, **Gardner**. Tickets are \$35 each, with a \$2 online service charge. Tickets may be purchased at the Theatre at the Mount box office, 444 Green St., Gardner, and online at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>. Proceeds to benefit Theatre at the Mount. Doors will open at 7.

"Stratton Spring Break: A Festival of Short Plays" will be held at 8 p.m. at Stratton Players, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. There will be a special offering, "Cinco de Mayo Dinner and a Show," at the Fay Club, 658 Main St., **Fitchburg**. Price for both dinner and a show is \$38 (tax and gratuity included). Dinner only, \$24; show only, \$15. Seatings begin at 6 p.m. For reservations, call the Fay Club at (978) 345-4537. For tickets only, call Stratton Players at (978) 345-6066.

The Thayer Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Toshimasa Francis Wada, will present the final performance of its 33rd concert season with "An Evening of Glorious Voice" with Jonathan Wright winner of Idol at the Mount. The concert will be held at 8 p.m. at the Stratos G. Dukakis Performing Arts Center, Montachusett

# LEMINSTER COMMUNITY CHOICE



### History spikes the appetite

Nineteenth century historical events transformed American diets. Susan Williams, associate professor of history at Fitchburg State College, will explain how this came about in a talk - "Cooking in the Kitchen of History," at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at the Fitchburg Historical Society, 50 Grove St. The talk is based on her new book, *Food in the United States, 1820s-1890*. She will discuss the role of technology, territorial expansion, immigration and economic growth in transforming American diets during that time period. Call the historical society at (978) 345-1157.

Regional Vocational Technical School, Route 2A, **Fitchburg**. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Debbi Brown at (978) 466-1800, Ext. 11. Tickets will also be sold at the box office one hour prior to the concert.

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## SUNDAY

A Mother's Day Tea Fundraiser will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 1200 John Fitch Highway, **Fitchburg**. All sorts of "fancy" tea fare including tea sandwiches, crème puffs, éclairs, tarts and fancy cakes will be served. Tickets are \$6; \$3 for children under 12 and are by advance sale only. For information, call (978) 345-1200.

Battered Women Resources, Inc. and the Sterling Music Exchange, Inc. will hold auditions for "Kids Performing for Peace" from 2 to 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist First Church, 15 West St., **Leominster**. Young people ages 10 to 21 who like to sing, play an instrument, read poetry or dance, are encouraged to perform. The only requirement is that the piece being performed must have a peace theme. For information, or to sign up, call Pete Cormier at (978) 855-8160. The event will be held Sunday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Leominster City Hall.

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The **Fitchburg** Public Library Sunday Performing Arts Series presents the Franco-American music ensemble Chanterelle at 2:30 p.m. at the library, 610 Main St. Chanterelle featuring Josee Vachon, Donna Hebert and Liza Constable, will present a concert of French music from Quebec to Cajun country.

Doors open at 2:15 p.m. For information, call (978) 345-9365.

Dance2Swing Studios presents the Compaq Big 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](http://www.dance2swing.com).

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## MONDAY

The Forever Young Club will meet at noon at the **Ashburnham** Council on Aging, 1 Memorial Drive. Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, and crushed pineapple will be served for lunch, followed by a meeting at 1 p.m. Entertainment provided by Country singer, Angela West. A donation of \$2 is requested for lunch. For information, or reservations, call (978) 827-5000.

The **St. Bernard's** CCHS Alumni Association will hold a Scholarship Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Development Office of the school. For information, call Sylvia Ciuffetti at (978) 342-3212, Ext. 236.

## 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 1 Memorial Drive. 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.

The Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIPS) will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Meetinghouse School, **Westminster**. Parents will have the opportunity to have a full identification kit prepared for their child by the Masons of Massachusetts, Westminster Police Department, and school volunteers, free of charge. The kit includes a fingerprint card, dental impression, DNA cheek swab and a videotape of the child's speech and physical mannerisms. Siblings of the students will be welcome. For more information or clarification, contact Jenn Dewey at (978) 874-6310 or Monica Blessington at (978) 874-7926.

The **Westminster** Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at new Town Hall, 11 South St. Town Clerk Denise MacAloney will show old items that were discovered during the move from the old Town to the new Town Hall. The public is invited; refreshments will be served.

The **Fitchburg** State Concert Band will hold a joint concert with Fitchburg High School students as part of the group's annual spring performance at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. For information, call (978) 251-5111. Admission is free.



## WEDNESDAY

"Top Ten Issues in HIV" - presented by Dr. Tom Treadwell of Metro West Hospital - will be held at Slattery's Restaurant, 106 Lunenburg St., **Fitchburg**. A buffet will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by the program from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with a coffee and dessert intermission. Reservations required. For information, or to make reservations, call Sandy Bowers at (978) 345-0523.

**Townsend** Public Library's Middle School Book Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lunchroom of Memorial Hall. The group will talk about "The Haunting of Alizabeth Cray" by Chris Wooding. Open to sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders. Stop by the library to sign up and pick up your copy of the book. Refreshments served. For information, call (978) 597-1714.

Children's literature expert and author Anita Silvey traces the history of the American picture book, and examines the qualities of a superb children's book at 7:30 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Free with Museum admission. For information, call (978) 345-4207, or visit [fitchburgartmuseum.org](http://fitchburgartmuseum.org).

## THURSDAY

LeTip of Twin City Professionals will meet from 7:01 to 8:31 a.m. at the Doyle Conservation Center, Abbott Avenue, **Leominster**. For further information, contact Ed Herter at (978) 400-7086.

The Breast Cancer Survivors' Celebration, sponsored by the Multi-Service Center's Women's Center, will be held at 5 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. This year's guest speaker is Erin Boles, from the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, followed by a fashion show. Reservations are required. For information, or to make reservations, call the Multi-Service Center at (978) 537-7395.

Monty Tech's Second Annual Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. in the Stratos G. Performing Arts Center, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, Route 2A, **Fitchburg**. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$8 at the door. There will be \$100 cash prizes for first place acts in all three categories. Sponsored by the Monty Tech student body and will feature a variety of acts. To reserve tickets in advance, call (978) 345-9200, Ext. 5241.



## FRIDAY

The Material Girls Quilt Guild presents its quilt show "...from simple cloth" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Plastics Museum and Center, 210 Lancaster St., **Leominster**. The event will feature door prizes, a vendors mall, a raffle quilt, a quilter's yard sale, a Keepsake Quilting Challenge Display, and refreshments. Also, a "Small/Mini Quilt Silent Auction" will be held to benefit Ginny's Thrift Shop. Admission is \$5 (children under 12, free with paid adult). For information, visit [www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org](http://www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org) or call Kathie Peloquin at (978) 534-6861.