



# Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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## What's Up, Watson!



## Watson to be part of 275<sup>th</sup> Town Birthday Gifts!

As most of you are aware, the Town of Epping will celebrate its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016. What better gift to give the town than their beloved Watson Academy back! As the new year quickly approaches, we are still busy working on the last of the list of things to be completed, in order to gain approval to re-open the doors to Watson Academy!

Our beloved Watson is a 130+ year old building that has served as Epping's first High School, opening in 1883. It housed our children and teaching staff until the late 1970's, when newer buildings took on that current role.

Watson Academy fell into disrepair during the 1980's after its closure until a group of concerned citizens, many being alumni, started a campaign to repair and re-open the building. As part of a federal grant secured by the town, the building was repaired and given modern code updates, including a wheelchair accessible ramp, bathrooms and elevator. After completion, the building was reopened to the public as a Recreation Center for the residents of Epping!

Tragically, On October 22, 2012, Watson was closed due to structural damage to the main supporting column and beam in the basement. Once again, Epping citizens rallied for Dear Watson. They marched in parades, attended meetings and submitted petitions to fund engineering studies, required by the State Fire Marshal.

When the warrant article failed to secure public funding for the required drawings, the Watson Academy Citizens group helped the Town Recreation Department write a successful LCHIP grant, with permission from the Board of Selectman. Also in 2014, through another grant-writing exercise, Watson Academy won listing as one "Seven to Save" from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. The "endangered properties list helps to draw attention and resources to irreplaceable New Hampshire landmarks." This

prestigious award paved the way for further funding.

As a federally listed Historic Place, plus registered as a New Hampshire historic property, Watson's LCHIP application was strong. The town was awarded the LCHIP grant for \$40,000 in December 2014. As a three-phase project, the grant-leveraged funding already allocated for window restoration in 2012. The second phase is to repair main supports in the basement. The final phase will be applied to cover the expense of much-needed exterior repair and painting. The town has also received \$4,000 in funding from LGC, the town's insurance carrier at the time of the building closure, to assist with the \$4,000 engineer drawing costs for the structural repairs.

As phase 2 of the project nears completion, we look forward to the final sign off from the structural engineer, town code enforcement and fire department. After all inspections are complete, the Board of Selectman will approve re-opening the building. Once open, the Watson Senior Citizens Group and Recreation Department offices will return, along with space to run programming for toddlers, youth and adults. Many of these programs were on hold for the past 3 years due to lack of space to run daytime programming.

Although we cannot give you an exact opening date, we can say we hope to have the Seniors ringing in the new year at Watson Academy for their January meeting! It is our goal to make that happen! Watson Academy is a beautiful historic building to be enjoyed for many years to come!

*Submitted by Nicole Bizzaro  
Epping Parks & Recreation Director*

### **A Holiday Update Message for everyone from Nicole Bizzaro on 12/23**

Today, we received a signed copy of the Structural Engineer Drawings / Report with the approval that the repair to the building meets the requirements for people to safely return to the building! We have a couple more things on the punch list, including a remaining fire alarm inspection and added emergency lighting that is required to re-open. Once those items are complete, we will have a final inspection by the Fire Department to officially open the building. We are in good shape to announce a Grand Re-Opening date in the beginning of January... until then, Happy Holidays and see you at Watson in the New Year!

## **End 68 Hours of Hunger in Epping**

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, an Epping Chapter of End 68 Hours of Hunger was formed. The program discreetly provides nutritious, child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food to chronically hungry children in the Epping School District. With support from the schools, program volunteers provide backpacks filled with 3 dinners, 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts for children to take home over the weekend when children do not have access to free school meals. By providing this food, the program helps to ease anxiety, reduce absenteeism, improve attention span, raise academic performance and increase self-esteem. We will begin distributing bags to the schools during the week of **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

During the past couple of months, we have been very busy collecting non-perishable food such as: peanut butter, canned meat, fruit, vegetables, pudding, whole grain crackers, whole grain cereals, tortillas/wraps, oatmeal, mayonnaise, jelly, shelf stable milk or milk substitutes, nuts and trail mix. We have also been working hard with a dedicated group of volunteers to set up a storage and distribution center.

We are a 100% volunteer organization and all donations to our organization are tax deductible. To find out more about our program or to make a donation please contact Program Coordinators Karen Poplaski or Tonya Porter at [eppingnh@end68hoursofhunger.org](mailto:eppingnh@end68hoursofhunger.org) or find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/E68HHEpping/>

*Submitted by Tonya Porter*

## **Senior Moments**

Did December go by fast or are we just slowing down so it feels that way? The concert for Senior Citizens at the Middle School was such a delight and being held in the middle of the day - great planning. Our annual Christmas party at the Legion didn't slow us down though. Good friends, good food and good laughter kept our motors running. The American Legion was a wonderful host. I think we stumped our Fire Chief when he came to our party and tested our personalities. He won't try that again.

We ventured back to the Loudon Parade of Lights. More features were added and the atmosphere really put us in the mood.... We were happy to donate several individual food items for the Loudon Food Bank. We're also meeting the challenge of the Epping Food Pantry as often as we can. Stopping in for their Thursday Soup Cafe

gives us the opportunity to bring food along with our appetites.

Mr. Charles Goodspeed came to our November meeting and explained what is happening at Watson Academy. It felt good to be informed tenants and we assured him that we can be patient. That's one of our talents as we age.

Although our outdoor activities slow down in winter (especially at night), a sunny day will always bring us out for a group lunch. We tried the Bistro at Applecrest and it was great. We also plan to return to the Tea Room in Dover during the holiday season. By the time you read this, we'll have tested the new Beach Plum and let you know our score. The new liqueur is massive and a welcome addition to our retail heaven (no senior discounts though). Gee, so much in Town now, we never have to leave.

Gardner's get ready - January is the month to start your sweet potato vines. If you've never tried them - just cut the sweet potatoes in half and suspend them in water. (I use toothpicks to keep them from the bottom of the bowl). Keep them watered and they will give you beautiful bright green vines by April.

We are anxious to meet Jason Schreiber, reporter for the Union Leader, who will be our speaker in January. The February meeting is dedicated to reviewing the Town Warrant articles before we go to the polls.

We're happy to become involved in the "End 68 Hours of Hunger – Epping." We'll review the details with the sponsors at our March meeting. We're excited to know our donations will help fill backpacks at the School on a regular basis.

Our New Year's message to you all is....."Enjoy Life ----- It has an expiration date."

*Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary*

## News From the Town

### Upcoming dates:

#### Town Hall Closed:

January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day

February 15<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day

#### Other Dates coming up:

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day for petition warrant articles

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Public hearing for Budget Committee – 7 pm

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Deliberative Town Meeting - 7 pm at Town Hall

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Deliberative School Meeting - 7 pm at Town Hall

February 9<sup>th</sup> – NH Primary Voting at EMS – 8 am to 7 pm

#### Looking ahead:

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Town Voting at EMS – 8 am to 7 pm

Please "LIKE" the Epping Town Hall on Facebook.

### 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash Committee

Birthday Pottery Mugs are for sale for \$15, Matching Plates are \$20. "Epping Air" soy candles are \$15. T-shirts are available in two colors, Royal and Sky Blue, and two sizes, \$15 Adult and \$12 Youth. Town Flags are \$50. All are being sold from the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall.

T-shirts and Flag



### Epping to Celebrate 275 years 1741-2016

A committee has formed to celebrate the 275 years since the Town of Epping separated from the town of Exeter. In this article I will outline the plans we are working on. First I would like to throw out the idea of a Town Band. How many have participated in a marching band either in high school or college? Maybe you were part of a drum and bugle corps. I need someone to direct this



group and as many instruments as we can get together. This band would play for the town in at least one concert and march in the grand Town Parade in August. I have 3 directors that might help but are unable to take charge. Anyone interested please e-mail me at [deacon100@comcast.net](mailto:deacon100@comcast.net). If you would like to form a team for a bed race please let me know how many participants.

We will have a Jack Sharkey Memorial Road Race, date to be announced. Jack Sharkey was a world-class boxer and resided in downtown Epping.

### **Children's 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Our basic plan is an Epping 275<sup>th</sup> birthday party for school age children, 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the American Legion with Karaoke and dancing. Ice cream and cake will be served. Adults are welcome but will have their cake in the downstairs hall. This party will be **February 20<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Please e-mail me at [deacon100@comcast.net](mailto:deacon100@comcast.net) or [secretary@townofeppling.com](mailto:secretary@townofeppling.com) to make a reservation. The first 200 youth will be put on the list.

On **March 18<sup>th</sup>** (save the date) there will be an adult dance at the American Legion Hall.

The Lions Club will host the annual canoe race from Mary Blair Park on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

There will be the annual fishing derby in **May** for the children. On **May 20<sup>th</sup>** the Civil War band "Hard Tack" will perform at the Town Hall.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** will find many of us following a progressive dinner sponsored by the churches of Epping.

On **July 9<sup>th</sup>** we travel to Camp Hedding for a band concert and refreshments.

The New England Dragway will host the residents of Epping for an Epping night at the drags on **July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your own vehicle, your license and see how fast you can do the ¼ mile. The manager plans on having trophies for certain categories. We will have information out before the event. This was held during our 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration and was a huge success. I am hoping for an Epping night at Star Speedway during the summer. No, you will not be racing, just a spectator.

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual Highnote festival at the Governor Prescott home on Prescott Road. There will also be a presentation at the Central Cemetery by the Historical Society.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** will bring a Military History Timeline, Civil War encampment. Watch for more information.

### **Olde Home Day Fair and Parade**

The big event of the year will be the Olde Home Day Fair to be held at the American Legion on **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. This will start with a parade that will line up at 9:00 am and kick off at 9:30. We want floats and/or marching units from all organizations. Children should decorate their bicycles, tricycles or their wagons. We would like every organization in town take part and make this the biggest parade since the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade. A fire truck parade will follow the Town parade.

The rest of the day will have games, food and fun for the entire family. The American Legion will sponsor a horseshoe tournament and possibly a beanbag tournament. If anyone would like to help or has any more ideas on how we can make this the greatest celebration ever, please contact Cliff Cray.

*Submitted by Cliff Cray*

### **In and Around Epping**

The State Liquor Store is open in Brickyard Square and the Beach Plum is expected to be open by the end of December. The Dollar Tree, Valvoline and Taco Bell are open on 125. Something is going to go up behind Valvoline, but what it will be is still a mystery.

### **Cell Phones for Our Troops**

#### **Donate your old cell phone.**

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Please make a donation of your old cell phone so they can call home, providing these soldiers with a much needed connection to their loved ones. There is a drop off box at the Epping Town Hall for your convenience.

### **The Pease Greeters Need Our Help!**

The Pease Greeters, hundreds of volunteers, meet our Armed Forces any time of day or night, as they pass through Pease International Airport on their way to a war zone or on their way home. For eight years, Greeters have welcomed service members on every flight with a warm meal and beverage, small gifts, a cell phone to call home and a hearty round of applause. Recently, the number of flights through Pease has increased and the Pease Greeters are in need of **monetary help**. We need to support our service men and women any way we can. If you can give any amount, please make a check payable to Pease Greeters and send or drop it off to Joyce at the Town Hall.

## East West Express

The East West Express continues to operate at the Epping NH Park and Ride providing service between the Portsmouth Transportation Center in Portsmouth NH (East) and Manchester Airport/Downtown Manchester (West). Although the service has increased its number of daily commuters, 80% of the passengers are still traveling to and from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Keep the East West Express in mind when planning on shopping in Portsmouth or Manchester. No need to drive, ride the Express! Once you arrive at our Portsmouth stop you can hop on the Coast Trolley to get to one of many fun destinations downtown. If you are looking for something fun to do in the Queen City, we stop every two hours downtown on Canal Street, very close to several attractions including the Verizon Wireless Arena.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and provide convenient, affordable, scheduled transportation on the Route 101 corridor.

Thank you,

*Submitted by Jamie Dowd, President of Flight Line, Inc.*



## Epping Lions Club

**"We Serve"**

**We Want YOU to Join the Epping Lions Club**

[www.epping.nhlions.org](http://www.epping.nhlions.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/EppingsLionsClub>

Lions International is an international organization, primarily focused on assisting with Vision and Hearing needs. Winners of our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gas Card raffle were drawn at our holiday meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup>. The grand prize winner won a \$300 gas card, and there were 3 additional prizes of \$50 gas cards. Thank you to all who supported us for this event!

Proceeds of our gas card raffle went to purchase gift cards for needy families in all three Epping schools. The Lions are thrilled to be able to help out local families in the holiday season each year. We are currently planning a pancake breakfast for early spring, and our annual Canoe Race is coming up in April! New members and fresh ideas are always welcome! Please reach out to a fellow Lion or attend our next monthly meeting.

Meeting times are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library in Epping. Also check us out on Facebook for the latest and greatest info!

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*Submitted by Debbie Moulton*



## TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST

With the celebration of our 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday coming this next year, this seems like the perfect time to reprint Madelyn's wonderful Tale about how we became Epping.

*Barbara*

### Becoming Epping

Some New Hampshire towns began simply as commercial fishing or trading outposts, but Exeter, of which Epping was once a part, was founded as an organized religious community.

Exeter was purchased in 1638 from the local Indian sagamores by Rev. John Wheelwright. The area was prime and large enough to also include the present towns of Newmarket, Newfields, Brentwood and Fremont. Up until 1741, when we became a separate town, we were the northwestern part of Exeter and known as "Tuckaway," a name connected to the Pawtucket Indians whose ancestral home this was.

Our earliest settlement was slow and sparse, under constant threat of attack and other frontier hardships. The first recorded white child, Anna Sinkler, wasn't born here until 1730.

One year, describing themselves as "poor and few in number," the men hitched their oxen teams to loaded wagons and with drums beating and flags flying paraded over the rough miles into a wide-eyed Exeter Village and paid off all their taxes in cords of wood.

Being so far from Exeter Village also made it hard to attend their Town meetings resulting in having little or no say in their laws, taxes or the pay for a town minister who seldom came out this way no matter how urgent the need.

Finally, certain they should have their own separate town, fifty-six men, a number of them members of the same family, pleaded their case before the Exeter selectmen but were always refused.

Undaunted, they went on to Portsmouth and met with the new Governor who agreeably heard their

case and granted their petition. Thus, on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1741, Benning Wentworth, the first appointed Governor of the newly independent Province of New Hampshire, created his first town and named this ancient forested area here in New England after the ancient forest in Old England that he knew so well - "EPPING."

- And we had our town.

*Note: More information on Anna Sinkler and the document creating Epping are available in the Epping Historical Society.*

*This was originally the 2<sup>nd</sup> in a series for Speak Up, Epping!*

*Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson*

## Epping Historical Society

Wow! Where has the year gone? It seems strange to write 2016 in the heading. The Epping Historical Society has been very busy this year. The volunteers work very hard, cataloging and copying documents every Monday. Just when we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, we find more to be done. The work we have accomplished this past year is remarkable. This could not happen without our volunteers, a big thank you to Irene, Joanne, Virginia, Jennie and Lee.

We had a power point program last month at the Society, with many pictures of old houses in Epping. We have hundreds of pictures of homes in Epping, and it was with great difficulty that I had to choose only a hundred photos for the program. We had an excellent turnout for the evening, the largest audience I have ever seen at one of our programs. Everyone had a great time, and left with a new appreciation of Epping. Thank you everyone!

Epping is going to be 275 years old this year. The town is planning many activities for the celebration, from a parade to fireworks. The Epping Historical Society has a couple of activities planned for the celebration. We will show an expanded version of the power point program in March at the Town Hall. I will add several more photos to the program, focusing on several areas of the town. Do you have any suggestions for the program? Are there any special houses you would like included in the program? We have scheduled a Cemetery walk through Central Cemetery for September, with re-enactors at several areas to give a brief history of some of our ancestors. This will be a daytime activity so everyone can enjoy the day. Our goal is to inform and entertain you with stories, so every time you pass Central Cemetery, you will have a nice memory of people there. History is never dull,

we have many stories we will share with our visitors.

Our cookbooks have been a big hit! We will be selling them as an ongoing project throughout the year. The cookbooks retail for \$10.00, and make nice gifts for family members that have moved away. We are still selling bricks for the walkway; you can purchase a brick for \$50.00, and have it engraved as a remembrance of a family member or friend.

## The Epping Fire Department

*This article was researched by Joy True, from records and stories from our collections at the Epping Historical Society.*

Until recent years, Epping never had a paid Fire Department. We had many volunteers to respond to fires, day or night. Men came from all walks of life to volunteer. Many worked in the Shoe Factories, or the Brickyards. When the whistle blew, they left work to go where they were needed. The men knew which direction to go from the number of blasts and duration of the whistle. In the 1970's Epping used the "Red Phone" system. Four or five firefighters that lived and worked in town had these phones in their homes. When someone called the Fire Department, the phone rang in these houses. The response time was almost immediate and it saved time getting the trucks and men to the fires. The downside of the system was, at 4:00 am on a Sunday morning, we received calls from out of state, wanting to know if the New England Dragway was racing that day!!

There was no water supply in the early days of the town, and their only equipment was a hand tub and a hook and ladder. When Epping had a big fire, Manchester and Rochester would send men and equipment by railroad to help fight the fires. We had three major fires in the downtown area, burning several buildings. In 1927 Epping constructed a water system consisting of a series of driven wells, and a powerhouse on the north side of the Lamprey River. The water was pumped to the water tower across the river on Prospect Hill. This tower still serves as our main water storage. Previous to 1935, the equipment was housed in the Town Hall basement; the town built the new station in 1935 to house equipment. Many remember a volunteer firefighter who raced to the station to respond to a fire, and broke the window in the door to gain access, so he would be the first at the station, and become the driver of the fire truck.

We have many ledgers at the Epping Historical Society from the Fire Department, recording where



the fires occurred, damages, loss of life and belongings and the cause of the fire. Many fires were caused by chimney fires, barn fires and stovepipe fires. In the early days, trains were responsible for numerous fires along the railroad track, due to the sparks from their stacks. Before diesel fuel, trains ran on wood or coal and there were lots of sparks!! Many buildings were struck by lightning, including the Town Hall in 1933. This entry in a ledger dated 1900, deserves repeating. The cause of a fire burning a dwelling and barn was caused by "mice playing with matches!"

We are open Mondays from 8:00 to 12:00, or whenever the flag is flying. If this is not a good time for you, please call: 679- 2944 and I can make an appointment to meet you there.

*Submitted by Joy True, Curator*

## The Civil War Roundtable of NH



*NH graves at Soldiers' Cemetery in Gettysburg  
(Photo by Bill Hallett)*

This year Epping is celebrating the town's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, our Civil War Roundtable of NH is celebrating 25 years meeting in Epping. All are welcome to attend this and all of our meetings in the 2015/2016 season.

Also, the CWRT will be involved with historic reenactments throughout the year. We are NOT a reenactment group, but some of our members do living history and reenactments. Some members will be participating in the "Olde Home Day" Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall parade and some members will, with other historic groups, be involved with the historic timeline October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

As to being a part of the **CWRT-NH, ALL ARE WELCOMED.** Attendance has no requirements,

come as a guest or even better be part of history and become a member (individuals and families welcomed). We would encourage you if you like us, to become a member. Dues pay for things like "The Hardtacks" and Pat Falci's visit as well as our rent for use of the hall. We are self-funded. No Town money or any other source helps us.

Please go to our website [www.cwrtnh.org](http://www.cwrtnh.org) for more information and feel free to contact us with questions.

### **This is the CWRT-NH schedule for 2015-2016:**

**Note:** The schedule is subject to change without notice. You can access the CWRT-NH website for the current schedule. If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be put on ETV.

**January 15, 2016** – Michael Schroeder (pres CWRTNH) – "Union Combined Forces: Vicksburg, MS 1862-63."

**February 19, 2016** – Larry Olasky – "Civil War Railroads"

**March 18, 2016** – Bob Sullivan – "Charles Reed: Confederate Naval Raider"

**April 15, 2016** – Pat Falci – "Gen. A.P. Hill at Gettysburg"

**May 20, 2016** – **CWRT of New Hampshire's 25th Anniversary! SPECIAL EVENT** featuring New Hampshire's own Civil War musical group, "The Hardtacks!" **More info to come!**

**June 17, 2016** – Bill Hallett – "C.S.S. Shenandoah and the End of the Civil War"

**July & August** – No meeting - summer break

*Submitted by Dan Bennis Board Member, CWRT-NH*

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## Lamprey River Advisory Committee Happy New Year! 2016

The calendar is clean, the year is new,

The Lamprey Committee has a few things to do:  
Water Quality:

We're working our data, got our ducks in a row,  
We've made a good start, so our water you'll know.

We have many measures; sadly, sometimes too much,

Our goal is so simple: to keep you in touch.

Outreach:

We have many movies to share with you all.

We'll meet you in libraries big and small.

We hope to work closely with rec. leaders and tots,

We'll hike, bike, and like some of the Lamprey's great spots.

#### Recreation:

The National Park Service is 100 years young.  
We'll try for a Volksmarch for fresh air in the lung.  
We'll work with Newmarket for those who canoe,  
An access for portage, 'round the dam there, it's true.

#### Ecology:

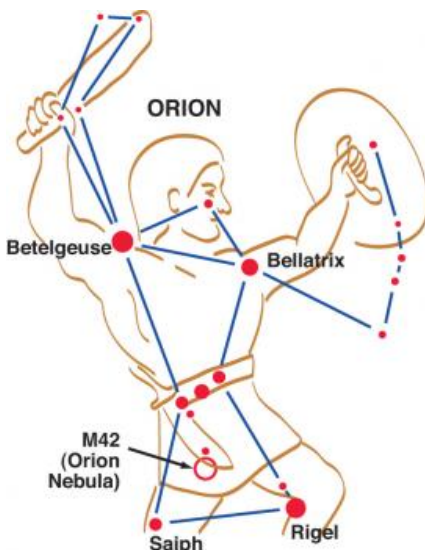
Most towns have problems with culverts small and old.  
We hope to address this with research that's gold.  
River herring are using the river to spawn,  
We'll work with the state fish guys to help this go on.

#### Miscellaneous:

We're working with partners to conserve pristine land,  
We do what we can to give nature a hand.  
When projects are planned for sites that are wetter,  
Our team will review and send in a letter.  
The calendar is clean, the year is new,  
Saving the river is something we all can do!

### Meet Orion, the Hunter in the Winter Night Sky

The nights in January and February are long and cold. They are also bug-free and full of stars. One of the northern hemisphere's most familiar winter constellations is Orion. Most people readily recognize the three bright stars that comprise Orion's belt, but Orion is so much more than a belt. Here is a quick sample:



from

<https://stardate.org/nightssky/constellations/orion>

Betelgeuse, on Orion's shoulder, is one of the largest stars known. This red supergiant is at least

300 times the diameter of the sun and is 15-20 times as dense as the sun. Through the process of nuclear fusion, it puts out about 100,000 times more energy than the sun, reaching temperatures in the billions of degrees in its corona. (The sun's corona has a more modest temperature of 27 million degrees F.) The star appears to pulsate, expanding and contracting unpredictably. Scientists know that it is running out of fuel and it will stop producing energy at some point in the not-too-distant future, in terms of astronomic time. When that happens, the star will implode on itself and then explode in a massive supernova. Betelgeuse is 430-650 light years away from Earth, so the explosion will not impact life on Earth; however, it will appear as an awesome light in the sky for a few weeks or months, possibly even during the day.

Rigel, at Orion's knee, is a blue supergiant. This kind of star is rare in the universe. It is exceptionally bright, about 100,000 times as bright as the sun, but that brightness also means that it expels vast quantities of ultraviolet light. Life anywhere near this star would be very unlikely if not impossible. In a few million years, Rigel might have acquired enough helium in its core to become a red supergiant like Betelgeuse.

Stars and constellations are free for the viewing in the night sky near you. Dress warmly, grab some binoculars, and enjoy the view!

### Fields of Science Quiz

Many scientists study the Lamprey River and the surrounding landscape. See if you can match the field of study with the subject of study. Example: biology is the study of living things and processes.

#### Field of study

climatology  
dendrology  
ecology  
entomology  
geology  
herpetology  
hydrogeology  
hydrology  
ichthyology  
limnology  
meteorology  
microbiology  
mycology  
ornithology  
phycology  
zoology



## **Subject of study**

- A. algae
- B. amphibians & reptiles
- C. animals
- D. bacteria, protozoans, viruses, yeast & mold
- E. birds
- F. distribution & movement of groundwater
- G. fish
- H. fungi
- I. inland rivers & lakes
- J. insects
- K. interrelationships among living things & environment
- L. long-term weather patterns
- M. movement, distribution & quality of water
- N. physical history of earth & rocks
- O. trees
- P. weather

To view a sampling of studies involving the Lamprey, please visit

<http://www.lampreyriver.org/multi-media-research:>

If you are good at etymology (the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history) you should have aced the quiz. Some other people might be left scratching their heads and thinking "It's all Greek to me!"

Answers: L, O, K, J, N, B, F, M, G, I, P, D, H, E, A, C



*Helping communities protect the  
Lamprey River.*

*Submitted by Suzanne Petersen*



## **Epping Garden Club**

The Epping Garden Club is thankful to the Masonic Lodge for once again supporting our Club by making beautiful the homes of the local widows of former Lodge members. They each received a beautiful red poinsettia in an 8" container. And please get those window boxes made so we can make them pretty for you!

The O'Neil's Cinema once again decorated their lobby using our poinsettias and this year 900 Degrees Pizza bought some colorful plants from us. Popover's here in Epping will be decorated with the help of our fundraiser as well as their Portsmouth store who wanted 8 of their own! Also, many thanks to the owner of the Galley Hatch, as well as the store managers.

We must extend a huge "Thank You" to two car

dealerships, BMW of Stratham NH and the Foss family of Foss Motors in Exeter. You are so nice to help our group here, in a neighboring town and help in a big way to make our town pretty to drive through.

Walmart Distribution supported one of their employees who is a member of The Epping Garden Club, with a purchase of 12 poinsettias even though they have semi's full of poinsettias arriving to sell in their own stores. Thanks so much to them for supporting Anne S. and the rest of our group of hard workers.

Many thanks to our friends, club supporters and family members as well as co-workers and garden club members for always supporting us. We are well aware of all of the places locally you can buy them but as the Market Basket poinsettias are grown by the same grower we use, Wentworth Greenhouses here in NH, the quality is the same and prices are as well.

So many people and businesses in Epping have been doing so poorly, even a \$5.00 plant is out of their reach. We hope the coming year sees them back in the black and that their holidays were merry and bright.

As members of The NH Federation of Garden Clubs once again, we will spend time with other NH Garden clubs and help on larger projects in the state as we continue to water, weed and keep the corners we have already planted in Epping, cared for. It had been our hope since most homes buy at least one poinsettia each year for either themselves or as a Hostess gift that we could have seen those sales. However, with just 97 sold we fell short of our goals so there will be no new plantings around town for the upcoming 275<sup>th</sup> unless there is a huge outpouring of support during our spring Pansy Bowl sale.

For example, Christmas decorations we added this year cost more than \$150 as they do each year. For those of you who have nice yards and pretty plants you know the expense involved to make it look nice. After the Mum sale we held this fall, we bought \$200+ of roses. That is why we hold our fundraiser/plant sales, to make the town nicer for all to pass through.

This newsletter will come out in January and February and we will be looking at finding mulch to cover the plantings in order to conserve our precious water supplies as we use our own wells to water each plant.

Enjoy your January and February!

The Epping Garden Club

*Submitted by Eunice Miller*



## Leddy Center

### Award for Elaine and Bruce Gatchell

Elaine and Bruce Gatchell are being recognized with the Francis Grover Cleaveland Lifetime Achievement Award from NH Theatre Awards. The annual awards presentation will be held at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord, NH on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016!** This is a very special recognition of two people who have dedicated their lives to teaching and entertaining us all, for over 41 years! Elaine is the Director, Producer, Choreographer, Publicist, Fund Raiser, Sponsor-getter, selection committee, etc., while Bruce is the Musical Director, Set Builder, Lighting Designer, parking lot attendant, etc. This deserving couple is being recognized for doing what other organizations have teams of people to do, and have been doing it continuously for 41 years.

Epping is very lucky to have Elaine and Bruce Gatchell and the Leddy Center as part of our Epping Community.

The Leddy Center has just released the **2016 schedule** for their exciting 41<sup>st</sup> season.

The season begins with a special showcase event, the political comedy "Candid Candidate," written and directed by local playwright Donald Tongue on stage January 21-31. It will be followed by Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl" March 11-20, "Oliver!" July 8-24, "Mary Gatchell in Concert" September 30, "It's a Wonderful Life" October 21 to November 9 and by "A Christmas Carol" December 2-11,

Individual tickets are \$18 and available online at [www.leddycenter.org](http://www.leddycenter.org) or by calling the Leddy box office at 679-2781, Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Call the box office for information on our group rates.

### Give Yourself A Special Gift

As you rush through the holiday season buying and making gifts for your family and friends, take a moment to consider yourself. Do you have some unfinished business from your past school experience? If you didn't finish high school, now is the time to get yourself a gift: a high school diploma or equivalent. If you did complete high school but know someone who didn't, encourage him or her to get this wonderful gift.

At Exeter Adult Education you can take evening courses to earn credits to complete your high school diploma. Start with the credits you have already earned (no matter how long ago), add work

and military experience, and then find out how many credits you still need. In small evening classes, adult learners study literature, writing, history, math, and science.

Pursuing a High School Equivalency Certificate is another way to complete the high school experience. The *HiSET*® is the five part exam that includes writing, reading, science, social studies and math which replaced the GED® as the test to earn a NH High School Equivalency Certificate. Many people need to take HiSET prep classes to strengthen their reading and writing skills or to remove a little rust with their math skills. FREE HiSET classes are available both mornings and evenings. When you're ready to take the exam, you can take it right here since Exeter Adult Education is an official HiSET testing center.

You may find, as many do, that you're a better student now than when you were in school before. Age? No problem. People attending adult diploma and HiSET classes range in age from 18-68. As adult learners complete their high school education through this program, many discover new career opportunities, enroll in college, and gain increased self-confidence and satisfaction.

To find out what route would be the best way for you to finish your high school experience or for more information about the adult diploma program or HiSET, call 603-775-8457 or visit Exeter Adult Education online at [adulted.sau16.org](http://adulted.sau16.org). New classes start in the New Year. This holiday season, give yourself this essential gift. You deserve it.



### ETV Schedule

#### Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule of live programs

Monday–Jan. 4, 18; Feb. 1,29, Tues. Feb. 16 –

Selectmen –7 pm

Tuesday–Jan. 5; Feb. 9 –Water & Sewer –7 pm

Tuesday–Jan. 19; Feb. 16–Library Trustees –7 pm

Tuesday–Jan. 12; Feb. 9 – Conservation

Commission –7 pm

Wednesday–Jan. 6; Feb. 3 – Parks & Recreation

Commission –7 pm

Wednesday– Jan. 6, 20; Feb. 17–Budget

Committee –7 pm

Thursday–Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 18 – School Board

–7 pm

Thursday–Jan. 14; Feb. 11 –Planning Board –6 pm

Friday– Jan. 15; Feb.19 – Civil War Roundtable

– 7:15 pm

Town Deliberative Session Tues. Feb. 2 – 7 pm

School Deliberative Session Thurs. Feb. 4 – 7 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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Thursday - 2 am

All dates and times are subject to change. Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board or the Town website for any changes or updates.

Always remember that Board meetings are available any time at your convenience if you go to <http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

"Live" video streaming is also available. Watch live meetings anywhere while they're broadcast: [http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live\\_etv22.html](http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html).

The new ETV email is [eppingtv22@gmail.com](mailto:eppingtv22@gmail.com)



## Scouting Around Epping

### Cub Scout Pack 136

Pack 136 is looking for boys and families who are looking for adventures. Cub Scouts is for boys entering grades 1 to 5. Cub Scouting has ideals of spiritual and character growth, citizenship training and personal fitness. The Scout Oath is a pledge of duty to God and family. The Scout Law is a simple formula for good Cub Scouting and good citizenship. The Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best," is a code of excellence. We believe in involving families and Cub Scouting provides opportunities for families to work and play together and have fun together.

January Pack Meeting: **Wednesday, January**

**20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Epping Middle School

Blue and Gold Banquet **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like information about joining Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Jeff Falkingham** at [cubmaster@pack136epping.org](mailto:cubmaster@pack136epping.org).

Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack <http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=199059685109&fbf=r6c4d2187&refid=46> or go to our website where you can find more Pack information at <http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>.

### Boy Scout Troop 136

The Boy Scouts have been busy with community service and fundraising this fall. They performed their annual Scouting For Food this November and helped to increase the Community Church's Food Pantry items. They completed our annual Popcorn and Yankee Candle fundraisers. Our annual Calendars are still on sale.

After completing the Scouting For Food they had a short campout at Camp Straw. The Troop would like to send a huge Thank You to Mrs. Straw for the continued use of her property for our camping trips. We really appreciate all you do for us!!

We had our Holiday Court of Honor where the following rank advancements were received:

David M. received:

- Second Class Rank

Jake O. received:

- Scout Rank

Max S. received:

- Scout Rank

Nico S. received:

- Scout Rank

Patrick M. received:

- Second Class Rank

Ryan M. received:

- Second Class Rank

Taylor S. received:

- Tenderfoot Rank

Justin B. has completed work on his Eagle Project where he has been refurbishing a historical trail at Mary Blair Park. He has had lots of help from the Troop and many donations from the community.

There are a number of activities planned for this winter:

Winter Fun Weekend at Hidden Valley from **January 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

Klondike Derby from **January 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**

Scout Sunday on **February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Scout Shabbat on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Indoor Rock Climbing on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet - **February 19<sup>th</sup>**



If you have a son who is interested in Boy Scouts please call Scoutmaster Stephen Sylvain at 682-4801.

*Submitted by Pat Oumansour*



## Epping Fire Department

The Epping Fire Department has a certified car seat inspector on staff. However, due to a rotating schedule, please call and schedule an appointment. Deputy Chapman can be reached at 679-5446.

Burn Permits are required for **all outside burning**. Permits will be issued at the fire station 7 days a week, 6:00 am-6:00 pm. Permits **Will Not** be issued when fire danger is class 3 or above.

If you have any questions contact the fire department at 679-5446

For Daily Fire Danger and an explanation of the different danger levels, follow the link below.

<http://www.nhdf.org/fire-control-and-law-enforcement/daily-fire-danger.aspx>

## Epping Explorer Posts

### Fire Department Explorer Post 716

Exploring is part of the Learning for Life program of the Boy Scouts of America. We are co-ed and welcome all youth ages 14 to 20 years of age. Our meetings are held at the Epping Safety Complex on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are career oriented and welcome youth to check out the Fire and EMS services as a possible career.

Explorers learn how to use the Fire Department equipment and do search and rescue. Once the probationary (learning) period is over, they may assist on fire calls. Explorers are allowed to ride on the apparatus if seats are available and assist firefighters with the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), supervise the rescue truck and perform many other duties at a fire scene.

For more information contact Captain Cliff Cray at 396-9436 or [deacon100@comcast.net](mailto:deacon100@comcast.net).

### Police Department Explorer Post 714

Youth 14 and older may also join the Police Explorer Post by calling 679-5122.

## American Legion News

### Dance & Fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team™

The American Legion Post 51 is hosting a dance on **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**, along with the **Spoke & Throttle Band** to help raise money for the

**Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team™ (WWAST)**. WWAST represents some of our nation's bravest and most determined heroes, soldiers, and veterans. These men have sustained severe injuries resulting in amputation; and through extensive rehabilitation, have become competitive athletes again. The team is comprised of competitive, athletic veterans and active-duty soldiers who have lost limbs post 9/11, while serving their country in the military/war. They play against able-bodied teams in exhibition games across the country, and their armor now includes prosthetic legs and arms, along with extreme perseverance and attitude.

WWAST gives Wounded Warrior athletes the opportunity to compete and serve our country beyond the battlefield, inspiring their fellow countrymen to overcome any challenge. The members of the Spoke & Throttle Band - Dan Letourneau, Eric Porter, Stevie Porch, Stephen Zucker and Bob Davidson - are donating their time to support this very worthwhile event and are hoping for a great turnout!! Grab your friends and come on down to listen and dance to some classic rock'n roll music!! *Admission will be a donation at the door.* The dance is from 8 pm to midnight. A cash bar will be open. The event will be held in the non-smoking Harry Bradshaw Memorial Hall of the American Legion on Route 125 in Epping (across from Telly's Restaurant). All are welcome! For more information please call Darlene at 793-6090 or Janet at 944-3288. The WWAST is a 501(c) (3) public charity. To learn more information about their organization, please visit [www.thewwast.org](http://www.thewwast.org).

### Valentine's Prime Rib Dinner Dance with 'The Bert Scott Band'

The American Legion Post 51 is hosting a Valentine's Prime Rib Dinner Dance featuring "The Bert Scott Band" on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. The dinner includes prime rib and all the fixings. ONLY 100 Tickets will be sold for this Prime Rib Dinner that will be served between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The tickets MUST BE purchased in advance for \$15/person. TICKETS GO ON SALE ON JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please see the bartender in the Canteen at the Epping Legion (679-8320). Tickets will be sold until they run out or until the cutoff date of February 8<sup>th</sup>! This ticket does include entrance to the dance that will begin at 8 pm. The Bert Scott Band will be playing 60's, 70's, Rock, Rhythm & Blues!! You can check them out at [www.myspace.com/bertscottband](http://www.myspace.com/bertscottband). Grab your honey and come on down for a great dinner and a

rock'n good time. If you miss out on the dinner tickets or you just want to attend the dance that starts at 8 pm, the cost is \$8/person at the door. A cash bar will be open. The event will be held in the non-smoking Harry Bradshaw Memorial Hall of the American Legion on Route 125 in Epping (across from Telly's Restaurant). All are welcome! For more information please call Darlene at 793-6090 or Janet at 944-3288.

### Monthly Breakfast Buffets

Monthly second Sunday breakfasts are being held from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Come enjoy our hot Breakfast Buffets on **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** - eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes, home fries, and coffee are all piping hot and ready to be enjoyed. Bring your newspaper and your appetite!

The Buffet is \$6.00 a plate, \$4.00 per child and worth every penny!

### Backyard Chicken Basics March 9<sup>th</sup>



*Sam Drake, a member of the Rockingham Roosters 4-H Club, raises chickens in his backyard in Nottingham. Learn the basics of backyard chickens at an Extension workshop on March 9 in East Kingston.*

Find out if backyard chickens are for you! Come hear the basics - poultry facts and practical tips on raising egg-laying chickens and broilers at home from Daimon Meeh, UNH Cooperative Extension Agriculture Field Specialist, on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8 pm at the East Kingston Elementary School on 5 Andrews Lane in East Kingston.

"Backyard Chicken Basics" will include information on feeding, housing, choosing the appropriate breed, and more. This workshop is appropriate for those interested in obtaining chickens or those who already own backyard

chickens and want to learn more about their proper care.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Youth are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Daimon Meeh at [daimon.meeh@unh.edu](mailto:daimon.meeh@unh.edu) or 679-5616.

"Backyard Chicken Basics" is made possible by Dodge's Agway Farm and Garden in Hampton Falls.

UNH Cooperative Extension puts trusted information and practical know-how in the hands of citizens and businesses in New Hampshire. Extension is at work in every New Hampshire county, making the state's critical industries stronger; developing vibrant communities and municipal leaders; fostering healthy families and an informed and engaged citizenry, and keeping the state's natural resources healthy and productive.

*Submitted by Donna Funderal*

### Epping Community Church

The JOY of the Christmas season is that we have a God who loves us, providing new opportunities and second chances. We are looking forward to all God has for us as a church and for our community.

#### Third Saturday Dinner

Our next Third Saturday dinner will be **January 16<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. It will be a roast turkey dinner with all the fixings. On **February 20<sup>th</sup>** the dinner will again be a roast turkey dinner with all the fixings. The dinners are always \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

#### Food Pantry

The food pantry is open on Saturday morning from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. During the winter months we also have coats, mittens, hats and scarves available.

#### Thursday Soup of the Day Café

Our Thursday Soup of the Day Café has grown in attendance. Sharing a meal and fellowship provides opportunity for getting out and having a nourishing lunch. It is free to any who wish to come.

#### Worship and Bible Study

Worship is held each Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Traditional in feel but relaxed in experience, our worship service provides hearing the Word of God through scripture, sermon, prayer and music. Throughout the year our Chancel Choir provides inspiring hymnody, the bell choir beautiful bell ringing and the Praise Band a unique style of praise. Our worship service is a place where

everyone is welcome and never without family or friends.

Bible Study occurs on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the church library. Following Bible study is prayer time when those present have opportunity to gather, remembering the needs of those around us.

### **Our Missions**

Ever wonder what we do in service to our Lord? Here are just a few of the many ways we seek to love the Lord, Our God with all our strength, soul, heart and mind: Food Pantry; Soup of the Day Café; Coats of Caring; Thanksgiving Dinner for Others; Tele-Care/Visits; Rockingham County Jail; Red Bird Medical Mission (Appalachia); CHIA (Christian Hand in Action); Church World Service; and Heifer. There are other missions we support on singular occasions or for specific projects as they arise. Our "missions" work is known as "Inreach", "Outreach", and "CROSSreach". We serve in both horizontal and vertical relationships.

Soon Lent and Easter will be upon us. What a glorious time of year. And what a glorious Gift God has given us!

## **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)  
Epping, NH 03042  
Office telephone: 679-8805

### **Mass schedule weekdays:**

**Monday** 8:00 am

**Tues, Thurs, Fri.** 7:30 am

**Wednesday** 7:00 pm

### **Mass schedule weekends:**

**Saturday** 8:00 am

**Sunday** 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

### **January**

**Mondays** – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm

**Fridays** – Adoration – 8 am to 7 pm

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** - Squire Dinner – 5 pm

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Dinner – 5 pm

### **February**

**Mondays** – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm

**First Friday** Adoration – 8 am to midnight

**First Saturday** Adoration – midnight to 7:45 am

**Fridays** – Adoration – 8 am to 7 pm

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday, mass at 7:30 am and 7 pm

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Squire Dinner – 5 pm

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Dinner – 5pm

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office 679-8805 or check our website at <http://stjosepheppingnh.com> for further information.

## **Epping Bible Church**

Epping Bible Church invites you to join them throughout the week at 243 Pleasant Street in Epping.

Our Sunday mornings begin with a full, free breakfast starting at 8:15 am, followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am and morning service at 10:45 am. Sunday evening service begins at 5:00 pm. Families are welcome.

Sunday School features classes for all ages, from 2 year olds all the way to adults.

A free nursery for children – infants through four years – is provided during the morning and evening services. Children ages four through third grade are invited to Junior Church during the morning service after praise and worship time.

Wednesday nights they have a Bible Study, currently going through the Gospel of Mark, at 6:30 pm at the parsonage.

The Awana program (ages three through grade 6) will start again in the fall. The weekly Friday night meetings help children learn about God's Word. There is also morning cubbies (ages 3 and 4) Awana group on Friday mornings at 9:30 am. Please contact Dora Brown at 702-2650 or at [awana@eppingbible.org](mailto:awana@eppingbible.org).

Our services can be seen on Sunday mornings on ETV – channel 22, and on our website.

Epping Bible Church is located at 243 Pleasant Street, Epping. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ron Townsend at 247-0405 or [PastorRon@eppingbible.org](mailto:PastorRon@eppingbible.org). Visit them online at [www.eppingbible.org](http://www.eppingbible.org).

## **West Epping Quaker Meeting House**

The West Epping Meeting grew out of the Seabrook Quarterly Meeting in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Records show that Joshua Folsom was a recorded minister among Friends in the community in 1772 – though he may have commenced his activities even earlier. The present Meeting House was built in 1851. The surrounding tall pines, dating from this period, have been a distinguishing feature of West Epping Village.

West Epping Friends meet for silent worship at 10 am every first and third Sunday of the month. We welcome visitors to our meetings to join with us. For those who would enjoy just visiting the



Meeting House they may call the Clerk, Fritz Bell, at 244-1119 for a tour.



## Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library  
151 Main Street  
734-4587 (Adult Dept.)  
679-5944 (Youth Dept.)  
679-5884 (Fax)

[harvmitch@gmail.com](mailto:harvmitch@gmail.com)

[www.eppinglibrary.com](http://www.eppinglibrary.com)

Youth Dept. e-mail: [hmmyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hmmyouth@gmail.com)

Youth Dept. Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/eppinglibrary>

### Hours:

**Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 – 5**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 – 8**

### Closed:

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** New Year's Day

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** Martin Luther King Day

**Monday, February 15<sup>h</sup>** Presidents Day

## Library Building Expansion

The Trustees will present a warrant article in March for \$600,000 to double the size of our 3500 square foot building that opened in 1964. The exterior will match the existing building's roof line, windows and brick facade. The addition would include three quiet study/tutoring rooms, separate areas for teens and younger children, a community program room which could be used by Epping organizations even when the library is closed, and more room for books, computers and patron reading/study areas. Voters will decide on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library Youth Room News for January and February 2016

Our weekly Story Time will continue to be on **Mondays at 11:30 am** with Miss Eva and on **Fridays at 11:30 am** with Mr. Ben. Additionally, on **Wednesdays at 10:15 am**, the Seacoast Learning Collaborative comes in for story time and library activities with Miss Eva. Since this is an older group, we invite homeschool students to attend this program.

As part of a program to showcase the artistic talents of Epping's youth, we are setting up displays that show off the many talents of our youngsters. Currently, a quilt with squares made

by Epping's Girl Scout Troops and our afternoon craft participants is on display in the youth room.

### January Events

On **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, the Epping students have the day off. Visit our website to check for special activities we plan for that day!

Craft Saturday will be held on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Gail Soucy, an Epping resident, will come in and help children make a dog pajama bag. Space is limited so please call the library to register.

### February Events

Our February craft Saturday will be held on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a craft pertaining to Valentine's Day!

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** is February Vacation week for Epping Students. We will be planning a few events to keep them busy!

The youth room continues to host the Girl Scouts on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

For more information call the youth room at 679-5944, e-mail at [hmmyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hmmyouth@gmail.com) or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/eppinglibrary](http://www.facebook.com/eppinglibrary)

*Submitted by Ben Brown*

## Epping Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition (Youth Organizations Unite To Help)

The Epping Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition wishes you a Safe and Merry Christmas and New Year!

Currently we are exploring ideas and options for a monthly Drop-off Kids Night for parents!

Our Purpose: To empower youth towards positive choices and activities, and create opportunities to build positive/mentoring relationships.

For more information: Contact Linda Daigle at [eppingYOUTH44@gmail.com](mailto:eppingYOUTH44@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/EppingYouthCoalition>

Next Meetings: **January 20<sup>th</sup>** and **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Thank You for your Support and Ideas!

Success is always a Team Effort!

*Submitted by Linda Daigle, Coordinator*

## Epping Parks & Recreation Department News

*Home of the "River Otters"*

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

Temporary office at Epping Town Hall

Cell Phone: 608-9487

[eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com)

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

If you need to reach the Department, please contact Nicole, Recreation Director via e-mail at [eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or cell at 608-9487. The temporary Rec. Office has been set up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Town Hall. Enter the main door and go up the stairs. There will be registration forms and other information available there. Any program payments can be given to staff at programs or can be mailed to us at 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 03042. Please make checks out to "Town of Epping." We appreciate your patience while we figure out our building issues.

Please follow us on Facebook for latest program updates, changes and announcements.

We are working on a few new preschool and adult programs for fall so stay tuned!

### **Help celebrate Epping's Birthday**

In 2016, the Town of Epping will turn 275 years old! We are currently collecting names of interested residents who would be willing to serve on the Birthday Celebration Committee! Please send us an email to [eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or see Joyce in the Board of Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall if you are interested in helping.

Interested in helping out with Community Events? We can always use volunteers! Epping Parks & Recreation Department does not receive any tax dollars to run Community Events! We rely solely on donations and volunteers to offer such events! If you are interested in helping, please contact Nicole, Recreation Director at 608-9487 or send us an e-mail.

### **New Preschool Program: Intro To Dance**

The Diamond Dance Academy is excited to partner up with the Epping Recreation Department to offer the community an Intro to Dance program. These classes are designed to give dancers a taste of dance and what it has to offer. Diamond Dance Academy classes will be located in the Old Leddy Building on Main Street. Enter through the door to the Left of "The Porch" windows (Same entrance). All registrations and class questions should be directed to Sue at Diamond Dance Academy.

For ages 3-5 years

Focus will be on teaching children basic movement skills, class disciplines and building self-confidence. Students are given the basic fundamentals and class disciplines of Ballet and Tap in a structured, yet fun and nurturing environment. Class will meet at the Diamond Dance Academy on Saturdays 11:00 – 11:45 am.

The cost is: \$70.

"We look forward to sharing our love of dance with you and your families."

Please feel free to contact Sue with questions: [Diamonddancen@gmail.com](mailto:Diamonddancen@gmail.com).

To register, please visit Diamond Dance Academy Online Reg. Site:

<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/reg.asp?id=519042>

### **School Age Youth Programs Before & After School Program:**

Children will not be allowed to attend without registration. Forms can be downloaded from the website and mailed. Space is limited. If a wait list is started, parents will be notified. Please e-mail Director Nicole Bizzaro, with any questions at [eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or call her at 608-9487.

#### **Grades K-7**

6:45 – 8:25 am and 3:10 - 5:45 pm – Before School Program at Epping Elementary School Gym

3:15 – 4:15 pm – After School Program meets in EES Library, goes to EMS Café & Playground, then to EES Gym till close.

### **Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and Elementary School (offered by Epping ATA)**

#### **Karate Classes**

Mondays (EES Gym) and Thursdays (MS Stage) 3:10 – 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 674-6599 or e-mail her at [eppingata@gmail.com](mailto:eppingata@gmail.com).

\*\*\*ALL beginners receive a FREE Uniform.\*\*\*

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade CIT program** is back again this year. Students who like working with children and want to gain experience may apply to be a Counselor-In-Training. School year and summer positions are available and it's FREE! For an application, please contact the Rec. Department.

Both the Application and two Reference Forms need to be returned to the Recreation Director at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, for review. Without references (non-related), applications will not be accepted. CIT positions are limited! We will call all applicants in for an initial interview with the Recreation Director and Program Director. The CIT program is not a full summer, full week program. Each CIT will be given a schedule of days and hours they will be assigned to complete their volunteer time with us. CIT's will ASSIST staff

in running programs for kids, preparing materials for programs, helping with general clean up after programs and being role models for children participating in programs. Most CIT hours are completed on school grounds (no field trip hours). If a CIT shows exemplary skills in assisting children during on-grounds programs, we may contact those parents to arrange for field trip volunteer hours.

## **Adult Programs**

### **Adult Basketball**

Want to play some adult basketball? Come join The Epping Recreation Department for some pick up co-ed basketball in the Epping Middle School Gym on Sunday nights.

Day / Time: Sunday – 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

Cost: \$30 for 10 nights – Please make check out to the “Town of Epping.” If paying in cash, please bring exact change.

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. Waiver forms will be available at the gym. We will have a sign-in sheet, to keep track of the days used. Once you have used your ten nights, please bring in your next payment of \$30 for ten additional nights. You will not be allowed to play if we do not have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

Please check our Facebook page for updates on programs, including cancellations. We will also notify you via e-mail of any program changes, so please provide a current e-mail address.

### **Zumba is Back!!**

Zumba is back on Thursdays from 7:45 - 8:45 pm at the Elementary School Gym. Our newest Epping Instructor is Keri Dotson. Drive around back and use the back gym door for class. Cost: \$7 drop in! Please check Facebook for updates!

### **Adult Pick Up Volleyball Night**

A once a month Adult Volleyball Night at the Epping Middle School Gym was held for the first time on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm. The program is FREE and open to Epping Residents if there is enough interest. The Instructor is Tony Loving. Stay tuned for more dates and programs!

### **Adult Fitness Boot Camp**

There will be an Adult Fitness Boot Camp on Tuesdays, starting **January 5<sup>th</sup>**! The class will be

held at the Middle School / High School Cafe from 7:30-8:30 pm. The cost of the class is \$7 drop in. We look forward to offering this new class and hope you join us!

## **New Adult Program opportunity**

There is an instructor interested in offering a Beginner Sewing and a Beginner Quilting class here in Epping... We can offer as a day program or an evening program, once we re-open Watson Academy. (Classes would most likely be offered in Jan., Feb. and Mar.) The class would be either a 4 week, 1 1/2 hour class for \$75 or an 8 week 1 1/2 hour class for \$150. You would need your own machine and materials. Any interest?

## **The Porch**

We are a not-for-profit organization.\* Our goal is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to our community by building relationships, meeting physical and financial needs, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives.

Epping Lighthouse will benefit the community in numerous ways, including:

- Running a youth center for teenagers

- Running a children's after-school program

- Giving financially to families who are in need

- Providing free family counseling

- Organizing various programs for teenagers to service others

\*We are currently waiting on the IRS to give us our final paperwork.

### **Kids Club**

Our kids club is for kids in grades 1-5.

We will provide free pick up from EES, and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

We have a structured time of singing, Bible Time and Game Time.

The club starts at 3:15 and goes until 5:00 pm.

### **Teen Central**

Our Teen Central is geared for grades 6-12.

We offer pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball.

We also have computers, a TV, board games and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

Teen Central opens at 2:30 and goes till 4:30.

We provide classes and other events throughout the year as well.

We require all of our workers to complete a background check.

If you are interested, please check us out at [www.eppinglighthouse.org](http://www.eppinglighthouse.org) or you can e-mail us at [eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com](mailto:eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com) to request a form.



# Families First

*support for families...health care for all*

**Epping Family Morning Out** *Fridays, 9:30-11 am (except for 1/1).* For children ages birth to six, with parents or other caregivers. Children will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snack. Facilitator: Patricia Keck. Held at the SAU 14 Building (213 Main Street, Epping). Cost: Free Pre-registration not needed.

**Exeter Family Morning Out** *Thursdays, 9:30-11 am.* For children ages birth to six, with parents or other caregivers. Children will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snack. Facilitator: Patricia Keck. Held at Exeter Parks and Recreation (32 Court Street, Exeter). Cost: Free Pre-registration not needed

For information call 422-8208, press 2, or visit <http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/programs.cfm>

All parents and children are welcome at our Parenting Classes, Parent-Child Groups and Parent Groups. **Advance registration is needed for most programs and is always needed for childcare;** please go to [FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org](http://FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org) and click on the Register for Family Programs button, or call 422-8208 x2.



## Epping School District News

### Epping Gym dedicated in Honor of Ryan O'Day

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, before the first home basketball game of the season, in a ceremony with Ryan O'Day's family, the Epping Gym was officially dedicated in honor of Ryan O'Day. Ryan was a well-loved figure in Epping and as coach of the Epping Middle School basketball team for seven years had coached most of the Epping varsity squad. His death last April was a shock to the whole Epping community. He died much too soon at the age of 28 while waiting for a heart transplant. Naming the gym in his memory was a fitting tribute to Ryan O'Day. A sign above the main entrance and a banner on an inside wall indicate to everyone that the gym is now the Ryan O'Day Memorial Gymnasium.

Following the ceremony, the Epping Blue Devils won the game 54-48, defeating Wilton-Lyndeborough, the team that beat them in the Division IV championship last year.

## School Board Meeting Schedule

The Epping School Board holds regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV. Agendas and minutes are posted on the district website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) under School Board/Agenda & Minutes. ETV is also streaming meetings that you can watch live on your computer at: <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Deliberative School Meeting – February 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Epping Elementary School (EES)

### EES School Calendar

#### January

**Jan. 4** – Classes resume

PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

**Jan. 15** – **NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day**

**Jan. 18** – **NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Jan. 22** – Child Find Clinic 10 am to 2:00 pm

**Jan. 27** – Top Secret Science Family Science Night – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Jan. 28** – Snow Date for Family Science Night

**Jan. 29** – Snow Date for Child Find Clinic

#### February

**Feb. 1** – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

**Feb. 11** – PTO Ice Cream Social in EES multi-purpose room – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Feb. 19** – I Love to Read Jamboree

**Feb. 22 -26** – **NO SCHOOL – Winter Vacation**

## First Quarter Honor Roll

### Grade 3

#### High Honors:

Zander Beltran, Garrett Follansbee, Piper Gagne, Nathan Gallant, Nev Haugh, Jim Le, Jordyn Lee, Tyler Morang, Connor Mueller, Mikayla Picard, Abigail Stich, Patrick Thompson, Lilyan West, Maria Wheeler, Cameron Wishart

#### Honors:

Eoghan Brown, Emily Carleton, Natalia Costanzo, Evan Deloge,

Hailly Demers, Leonie Dickerson, Kaylee Drover, Lindsey Duffy, Haylee Fields, Shayla Foster, Anna Gatchell, Maria Guenard, Sawyer Idell, N'Isaac Johnson, Samantha Listovich, Kallissa Marquez, Haley Marshall, Keira McElreavy, Presley Nichols, Kyle Peck, Jacob Purrington, Kierra Souphakot, Christopher Tagliaferro, Landon Toomire, Piper Vetter, Allison Whitesell, Reed Yates

#### **High Honors:**

Aviendha Blakney, Daniel Ciriello, Mason Coldsmith, Troy Coleman, Richelle Currier, Dylan Dulong, Isabella Greubel, Wyatt Idell, Chanah Katz, Shawna Lin, Autumn Loving, Maelie McAniff, Malaney McAniff, Sarah McTague, Casey Morin, Autumn Patterson, Annabelle Shumway, Skylar Simard, Eva Simpson, Logan Snyder, Charlize Stevens, Jacob Twombly, Delaney Yates

#### **Honors:**

Nicola Albro, Autumn Augustonovich, Clay Barker, Ayla Bennett, Robert Bizarro, Aiden Blakney, Jessica Brassil, Burton Campbell, Elysia Cancel, Robert Currier, Abigail Deary, Scarlett Demars, Brady Dwyer, Carlos Guenard, Colin Hallinan, Cameron Hansen, Amelia Harper, Lillian Long, Lauren Johnson, Dorothy Martin, Myleigh Martin, Allan McNeil, Aidan Rossel, Aria Smith, Ryan Zheng

#### **Grade 5**

#### **High Honors:**

Brooke Bacon, Kaelin Beattie, Cooper Bernier, Ethan Coldsmith, Jared DeCourcy, Kaylin Hennessy, Daniel Johnson, Brady Lewis, Nathan McTague, Sophia Morang, Miriam Peck, Luke Snyder

#### **Honors:**

Sophie Bade, Ta'lisha Burnett, Austin Clark, Larissa Demeritt, Allison Galante, Christian Ginsberg, Olivia Gosselin, Samuel Gosselin, Leah Hackett, Owen Horton, James Le, Cassidy Lustenburger, Jillian Mallett, Mackenzie Milbury, Madison Milliken, Pacy Morgado, Lindsey Parents, Maiya Poloian, Annalee Roy, Olivia Sousa, Tyler Valdez

## **EES PTO Coming Events**

The Elementary PTO would like to thank families again for continuing to support our events and fundraisers. After our fall success, we enjoyed getting in the spirit of the season with a PTO Bulletin Board contest in the school themed, "Snowmen at EES," after the popular book series, "Snowmen at Night," by Caralyn Buehner. Several classrooms won "Snowmen at Night" books and

CDs, one lucky teacher also received a DD gift card! The lobby was festive and we were ready for the snow!

Looking ahead to January, we hope to see many new faces on **Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**, our next meeting. If it's your first meeting, or you bring a friend, you'll receive an extra raffle ticket! Epping Elementary PTO meetings continue to be held the first Monday of each month in the EES Art Room at 7 pm. There is always free babysitting in the EES Library. Refreshments and raffle giveaways are now a staple of meetings! Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts, Orange Leaf, Starbucks, and McDonald's for contributing to our prizes!

We are looking forward to **Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm**, when we'll host the **EES Ice Cream Social and Book Fair!** This year, families will have the chance to order pre-sale tickets to help get to the fun sooner! Besides ice cream and books, families can also enjoy 'Minute to Win It' games, coloring and crafts, as well as writing letters for troops.

We love to see families post their Epping Eagles' photos on our EES PTO Facebook page. You can also check us out at [www.Epping-PTO.com](http://www.Epping-PTO.com)

Happy New Year!

*Submitted by Bethany Marshall*

## **Epping Middle School (EMS) Collaborative Teaching**

EMS Life of a Blue Devil classes participated in interactive activities presented by EHS students. These student athletes and leaders have been trained through the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) in the Life of an Athlete (LOA) program. EMS thanks our EHS students, lead by Athletic Director, Larry Averill and EMS counselor and teacher, Nick DeGruttola for their collaborative work to teach EMS students about important life skills.

## **Annual Scholastic Book Fair**



The holidays are here and there's no better gift than the gift of reading a good book! Our annual EMS Scholastic Book Fair was held from December 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. During our *Book Fair Blizzard*, staff and students alike has an opportunity to browse and shop for their favorite books. A

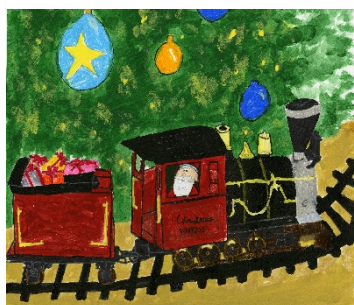
portion of all the sales benefits our school library program. This event is one of the many undertakings that Thelma Thompson, our Middle and High School Librarian organizes to promote literacy in the middle school.

## End 68 Hours of Hunger Campaign



Epping Middle School, in collaboration with both the Epping Elementary and Epping High Schools has kicked off our “End 68 Hours of

Hunger campaign. The “End 68 Hours of Hunger” campaign was created to address the concerns of insufficient food for children. This program gives food on a weekly basis to children who are food insecure. Food is provided for the 68-hour time frame between Friday’s lunch at school and breakfast Monday morning at school. Eligible families will receive a backpack on Friday from the End Hunger organization. The backpack will be filled with food items that will sustain the children over the weekend when they do not receive free meals from school.



Still in its infancy at the middle school, we have started to collect nutritious, child-friendly and easy to prepare foods to help those in our community. In mid-November, the whole school community participated in OWLEUS Afternoon Meetings and learned about the not-for-profit effort. Students learned and talked about “childhood hunger – or food insecurity – as a national problem. It occurs when children receive insufficient food on a regular basis and in many cases, missing meals entirely. After a while, these children also experience ‘fear of hunger’ that affects their behavior as much as physical hunger affects their bodies.”

The following New Hampshire statistics were shared:

- 1 in 9 individuals in the state are food insecure
- 42,170 children under the age of 18 are food insecure in the state
- 1 in five children in the Manchester area are food insecure

Students and staff alike have been encouraged to participate by bringing in non-perishable food items for donation to our community efforts.

Eighth grade Language Arts teacher, Pat Weisberg and EMS Guidance Counselor, Nick DeGruttola have taken on the task of jointly leading our school’s efforts. Mrs. Weisberg, who leads our National Junior Honor Society, and Mr. DeGruttola, who leads our Granite Youth Alliance group have been working with their students to create signs to encourage student participation and collection bins have been placed in our school’s lobby. Students received \$1 off of their November Student Activity Night admission with the donation of a non-perishable food item. Additional incentives are planned in the coming months.



*EMS students Laura Dugie and Joey Zang paint window murals for the SELT project.*

## Foster’s Daily Democrat Holiday Writing Contest

For over thirty years Epping students have been recognized for their writing accomplishments by the Foster’s Daily Democrat. This year marks the 35th year of the contest, which sought stories and artwork about the spirit of the holidays. The annual contest is open to New Hampshire and Maine students in grades 1 through 12.

Winning entries will be published in a special supplement to Foster’s Daily Democrat during the week of December 21st. An awards reception will take place in late winter to honor winning submissions.

Epping Middle School is proud to announce the names of the students who will be recognized for their outstanding pieces of writing: Avalon Brown, Isabella Snyder, Samantha Johnson, Faith Williamson and Calle Basaillon. Pat Weisberg, eighth grade Language Arts teacher encourages her students to submit work each year, and never fails to encourage her students to produce quality pieces of writing.



## Middle School Bands and Choir Put on a Show For Our Seniors

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, EMS hosted our first annual Holiday Concert performed solely for local community senior citizens. The event included performances by the middle school chorus, conducted by Brian Freed, as well as both the school band and jazz band, conducted by Jon Ludwig. Afterward, both seniors and students enjoyed refreshments and conversation. This event is just one way in which the Epping Middle School community gives back to the residents of Epping.



*Jon Ludwig conducts the Epping Middle School band.*

*An editorial comment: As one of the Seniors privileged to be present at this Holiday Concert, I have to say that I hope it will be followed by many more. The performances by the bands and the chorus were outstanding: My particular favorites were Dvorak's "New World Symphony" by the band and "Joy to the World" by the Chorus, but the whole concert was wonderful. The refreshments following the concert were delicious. It was a very special afternoon and a highlight of my Christmas season.*

*Thank you! Barbara*

## Epping High School (EHS)

Reminder to EHS/EMS parents – our new traffic pattern begins after vacation on **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. The map of the new traffic pattern is on our website and Facebook pages.

Please consider supporting our **EHS LODB** (Life of a Blue Devil) team as we plunge into the icy Atlantic to support Special Olympics of New

Hampshire during the **High School Penguin Plunge on February 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to join or support our team, please contact us at 679-5472 x 212 or email Mr. Repucci at [krepucci@sau14.org](mailto:krepucci@sau14.org) or Mr. Averill at [laverill@sau14.org](mailto:laverill@sau14.org).

**Cash Calendar Drive** kicked off November 24<sup>th</sup>!! EHS students and staff will be selling cash calendars to raise money for school field trips and activities. For \$10.00, you will have **29 chances to win up to \$2,500 during the month of April 2016**. Each day, a name will be drawn with the prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500 per day. Once a name is chosen, it automatically goes back in for the next day's drawing. See any member of the EMS or EHS community to buy your calendars! The calendars will be on sale from **November 24, 2015 until January 14, 2016**.

## First Quarter Honor Roll

EHS Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2015/2016 School Year. Congratulations to the following students:

### Grade 9: Principal's List:

Mikayla Katherine Rose Ball, Addison Taylor Bickford, Benjamin Thomas Colban, Madison Joanne Downing, Colin Christopher H. Farris, Benjamin Andrew Fowler, Meghan Lynn Galante, Marc Anthony Giudice, Brandon Hutchins, Gracia Rowe Jordan, Emilie Anne LeBlanc, Adam Richard LePage, Ashley Sacora Martin, Maya Rose Martin, Rachel Ann Martin, Alexis Kiwi McDuffee, Destiny Shavonne Brooke McKay, Allison Elisabeth Nee, Casey Catherine Needham, MacKenzie Raine Newman, Jennifer Sashova Nikolova, Lily Alexandra O'Connell, Shelby Renee Prestridge, Julianna Stella Re, Michaela Drew Sable, Morgan Michelle Shanley, Abby Moon Simard,

### Honors:

Mya Lee Davidson, Ryan Earl Johnson, Jenna Lynn Lavoie, Kaitlyn Anne Nichols, Zachary Allen Oumansour, Sarah Ann Parenteau, Lauren Sydney Robbins, Josephine Elizabeth Wentworth;

### Honorable Mention:

Sarah Marie Braese, Hunter Lukas Bullock, Valentinus Maurico Domingo, Darby Noel Dwyer, Hannah Elizabeth Hamel, Shawn Eric Hill, Gabrielle Christine Hughes, Emily Amber Jackson, Megan Ashley Marasca, Luke Young Marchisio, Christopher Michael Peck, Mercedes Audrianna Richards, Matthew Garrett Strout

### Grade 10: Principal's List:

Keelin Marie Berger, Everett Scot Brown Jr, Evelyn Leah Carleton, Konrad James Hodgman,



## Epping Calendar of Events for January 2016

<b>January 1</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY – Town Hall and Library closed</b>
<b>Dec, 24-Jan. 1</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY RECESS</b>
January 2	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Back to School – classes resume</b>
January 4	EES I Love to Read Month begins
January 4	EES PTO meeting – 7 pm
January 4	Start distribution of bags to schools for End 68 Hours of Hunger in Epping
January 5	Adult Fitness Boot Camp starts in EMS/EHS Café –7:30-8:30 pm
January 7	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
January 8-10	Boy Scout Winter Fun Weekend at Hidden Valley
January 8-Feb. 8	Tickets on sale for American Legion Valentine Dance on February 13 <sup>th</sup>
January 9	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
January 10	American Legion Post 51 Sunday Breakfast Buffet – 9:00-11:30 am
January 12	Last day for petition warrant articles
January 13	Public hearing for Budget Committee – 7 pm
January 14	Sale of High School's Cash Calendars ends
January 14	Epping Seniors meet at ?? – “Jason Schreiber”– 1 pm
<b>January 15</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
January 15	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
January 16	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
January 16	Epping Community Church Dinner “ Roast Turkey dinner” – 5:00-6:30 pm
<b>January 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Town Hall and Library closed</b>
January 19	275 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
January 19	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
January 20	Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
January 20	Cub Scout Pack Meeting at Epping Middle School – 6:30-7:30 pm
January 21	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
January 21-31	“Candid Candidate” at Leddy Center
January 22	Child Find Clinic – 10 am - 2 pm (Snow date: - January 29)
January 23	Craft Saturday at the Library
January 23	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
January 26	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Library – 6:30 pm
January 27	EES Family Science Night – 6:00 -7:30 pm (Snow date: - January 28)
January 29-30	Boy Scout Klondike Derby
January 30	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
January 30	American Legion Fundraiser Dance for Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team



## Epping Calendar of Events for February 2016

Date	Event
February 1	EES PTO meeting- 7 pm
February 2	Deliberative Town Meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
February 4	Deliberative School Meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
February 6	EHS Penguin Plunge
February 6	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
February 7	Scout Sunday
Jan. 8-February 8	Tickets on sale for American Legion Valentine Dance on February 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>NH PRIMARY – voting at EMS from 8 am to 7 pm</b>
February 11	Epping Seniors meet at ?Watson Academy – 1 pm
February 11	EES PTO Ice Cream Social and Book Fair - 6:00-7:30 pm
February 12	Scout Shabbat
February 13	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
February 13	American Legion Valentine Prime Rib dinner dance - 8 pm
February 13	Boy Scout Indoor Rock Climbing
February 13	Craft Saturday at the Library
February 14	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
<b>February 15</b>	<b>PRESIDENT’S DAY – Town Hall and Library closed</b>
February 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
February 16	275 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
February 17	Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
February 18	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
February 19	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
February 19	EES I Love to Read Jamboree
February 19	Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
February 20	Children’s 275 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at American Legion – 1-4 pm
February 20	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
February 20	Epping Community Church Dinner “ Roast Turkey dinner” – 5:00-6:30 pm
<b>February 22-26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – WINTER VACATION</b>
<b>February 23</b>	<b>DEADLINE DATE for the March-April issue of the Newsletter</b>
February 23	Epping Lions Club meeting – 6:30 pm
February 27	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Town Voting at EMS from 8 am to 7 pm</b>

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at [bhelmstetter@comcast.net](mailto:bhelmstetter@comcast.net) by **February 23, 2016**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.