



Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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Also, check out our **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline.

Remember to Vote on March 10th

Remember to vote on **Tuesday, March 10th**. Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Middle School Gym. You may register to vote at the polls.

The following candidates have registered for Town and School offices:

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 3

Moe Titcomb

Heather Clark

Adam Mungia

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Daniel W. Harvey

Paul Spidle

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Michelle Wheeler

Derek Jacob Webb

William K. Webb

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 1 year

Vote for not more than 1

William K. Webb

Elaine Miskinis

PLANNING BOARD - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Joseph Foley

Heather Clark

SELECTMEN - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

James P. McGeough

Michael D. Brown

Tom Gauthier

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Daniel W. Harvey

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Paul Langdon, Jr.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Kim Sullivan

Don McLaren

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Shannon Boelter

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 1 year

Vote for not more than 1

Moe Titcomb

Jamie Mallett

Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club is getting closer to the light at the end of the long tunnel called Spring! We haven't been sitting by the fire all winter though. There have been hot lunches at area restaurants and warm seats at the

movies. The Victorian Tea Room in Dover was a pleasant break in the winter blues. There were assorted teas, a fascinating lunch menu and a tour of the beautiful old home. A definite "go back."

Police Sargent Rich Cote brought current affairs to our January meeting. He explained what was happening in Epping (mostly good news) and eased our concerns with answers to many questions. He strongly advised us to forget how it was in the old days, and lock all doors, even the car - always.

We plan to be mobile again by March. Perhaps not far away from home, but some of our ideas include; Grill 28 at Pease Tradeport, the Hutchinson Candy Factory in Hampton and the museum in Exeter. Later in April we'll return to E 911 Headquarters in Concord and visit the New Hampshire Legislature in session.

Well, history does repeat itself. Again - the February meeting was canceled due to SNOW. We may not need to meet but we always need to eat. So, in between snowflakes, we ventured to the Tuckaway Restaurant for their Lobster Special. This get-together gave us a chance to look over the 2015 Town Warrants before voting day. The talk around the lunch table concentrated on dangerously high snow banks at intersections and getting our rooftops cleared off. We also reminisced about the "good ole days" when we built igloos in those high snow banks and went sledding down the snowy streets. Can't do that anymore.

Some future trips include Salem, MA to visit the Witches museums (haven't gotten there yet), Wolfeboro museums and the Annalee Doll Museum in Meredith. Actually the list is quite long.

Kids home on snow days can be a challenge for grandparents. Especially their questions, such as: why do we wash bath towels, aren't we clean when we use them? Another - why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle? Really? Answer - go play in the snow.

We enjoyed a few riddles to keep ourselves entertained while house bound. So----try a few: (1) Something to adore, (2) Peace maker, (3) A swimming match.

Our meetings are now back on track so anyone looking for senior friends, please stop in on any second Thursday of each month beginning at 1:00 pm in the Fire Department meeting room.

Answers?(1) A key
(2) Scissors 3) Matches in H₂O

Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary

News From the Town

Upcoming dates:

March 10th – Town Election VOTE!!!

April 25th – Lamprey River Canoe Race and Duck Race

Please "LIKE" the Epping Town Hall on Facebook.

275th Birthday Bash Committee

The 275th Birthday for the Town of Epping is NEXT year, 2016, and the 275th Birthday Bash Committee has been hard at work with lots of plans. Help is needed for all the activities we are hoping to have. The meetings are held at the Town Hall on the third Tuesdays at 7 pm. The next meeting will be March 17th. If anyone would like to help please come to a meeting or stop in at the Selectmen's Office.

Birthday Pottery Mugs (\$15). Plates (\$20) and T-shirts (\$15 Adult and \$12 Youth) are being sold at the Town Hall along with Town Flags (\$50)

Birthday Bash Fundraiser Dance on March 21st

The Birthday Committee will be holding a fundraiser Dance at the Epping Legion on **Saturday, March 21st** from 7-11 pm. There will be a DJ, a cash bar and raffles with lots of fun. \$10 a couple, \$7 a single. Items for raffles can still be donated. Please drop them off at the Town Hall.

Duck Race on April 25th

Tickets for the Duck Race are being sold in the Selectmen's office. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$5.00 a piece. The owner of the fastest duck will win an 11 ft. Loon 111 Old Town Kayak donated by the Mountain Road Trading Post and Tom Dwyer, Jr.

T-shirts and Flag





Charlie Goodspeed Honored

The Epping Town Report for 2014 will be dedicated to Charlie Goodspeed, Epping resident and professor of engineering at UNH. He has supported the community as a fire warden, library trustee and with his professional skills. As professor of engineering, he has used his students to help with designing the Safety Complex, Town Hall renovations, a plan to expand the Harvey-Mitchell Library and a plan to restpre Watson Academy among other projects. He was honored at the Town deliberative session on Tuesday, February 3rd.

In and Around Epping

Further construction in the Brickyard that will give us an IHOP Restaurant and a NH State Liquor Store is waiting for spring before starting up. The Goodrich site has approval for a bank, Jiffy Lube and a dollar store.

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.

East West Express

The East West Express has attracted several daily commuters traveling to and from the Epping Park and Ride from both Portsmouth and downtown Manchester. Flight Line's East West Express is performing better than expected considering the recent schedule reduction. Both the revenue generated and the number of

passengers using the service exceeded expectations in January which was our first month operating the reduced schedule.

I also had a meeting with the NHDOT last week and they mentioned that they expect to replace the old, broken bus booth that is currently at the Epping Park and Ride with a newer booth/shelter that was reclaimed from one of the other state Park and Ride locations.

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

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

The Epping Lions Club was chartered in April 2009. We support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eyeglass recycling, and provide assistance to local families in need of eyeglasses. We also support community programs and participate in some exciting events. Our December gas card raffle was a huge success, and our Lions club recently presented a \$500 check to the Epping Food Pantry. In December we also awarded a total of \$1200 in Marshall's gift cards for local families to purchase winter clothing. In addition, we are currently doing another round of Vision testing at the Epping schools.

Our next event will be the Lamprey River Canoe Race on **Saturday, April 25th**. Registration forms will be available online at our website and at the Town Hall. Prizes are awarded for the fastest times and costumes are encouraged. Come on out for a fun family day!

We are always looking for innovative people who desire to become involved in improving our community and having fun doing it. If you're interested in learning more, please visit our website www.epping.nhlions.org or check us out at www.facebook.com/EppingsLionsClub. Meeting times are posted and are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We currently meet at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 (285 Calef Highway). We'd love to see you!

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Submitted by Debbie Moulton



TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST

Home Grown in Epping

Last December a historic old Catalpa tree here in town sadly had to be taken down. It had lived through an estimated one hundred years and, at 83 feet, was the largest tree of its kind in New Hampshire. All the Catalpa trees still growing in Epping probably descended from that one tree whose seeds had been carefully planted long ago in coffee cans by the owner who sold the little trees at his store on Main Street.

In the smaller and simpler rural town we were back then, there were a number of gifted men and women who, in raising up their skills like the branches of that old tree in its prime, made their own history. Here are just a few of them.

Phyllis Blanchard, a graduate of Watson Academy, earned a Ph. D. in psychology. She wrote a book called "The Adolescent Girl" and went on to examine and test "all children in a New Jersey County."

John Bickford Folsom was a well-known educator in New Hampshire whose early death was ruled a "terrible loss." He was principal of the Milton schools, taught in Newmarket and Raymond, and was principal of the Brentwood Elementary School. Mr. Folsom was also a Congregational lay preacher and a minister of The Society of Friends (Quakers). The conservation area in West Epping is named in his honor.

Mary Laura Bragg, daughter of an Epping minister, was deaf from childhood scarlet fever. In 1906 she graduated with a degree in Library Science in Boston, worked in the Museum of Natural History and began the museum at Orr's Island in Maine. She was also the first woman Director of the Charleston Museum in North Carolina. Her life and career are described in "A Bluestocking in Charleston" by Louise Anderson Allen.

Walter Leroy Fogg served as a Sunday editor of the Boston Herald newspaper. Among other works, he wrote "One Thousand Sayings of History" and a collection of short stories called "An Even Dozen." Mr. Fogg also became the editor of the Lynn, Massachusetts "Telegram" newspaper.

The recreation and sports area in West Epping is named in honor of Epping's beloved teacher Mary Evelyn Folsom Blair. Mrs. Blair taught in a

number of places beginning in 1901 in her one room schoolhouse in West Epping where she returned to educate "several generations of Epping children." She is remembered as a compassionate, strong-minded educator and an inspiration to her students.

Fannie Woods Wiggin, born on an Epping farm, became the first woman in New Hampshire to become a registered pharmacist.

Carolyn Ferguson was the first woman to be ordained a Congregational minister in New Hampshire. Her ordination service took place here in Epping in 1929.

Matthew James Harvey's remarkable memory made him known as a "walking encyclopedia." A poet and historian, he also wrote articles for the NH Agriculture Farm Magazine and the Manchester Union Leader. In addition, he was a State Legislator, member of the National Guard and served as a Justice of the Peace for 12 years. His cemetery inscription reads "A good man whose good works still live."

Indeed, these were all good people from Epping who raised up their skills like the high branches of that great old Catalpa tree, and whose own good works still live.

This is twenty-seventh in a series for Speak Up, Epping!

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

Activity at the Epping Historical Society has slowed down this winter. One of our volunteers has moved to North Carolina, she will be missed! Of course, every Monday we have a snowstorm, and every Tuesday, we shovel!

We are still collecting family recipes for our cookbook. Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Remember, not all mothers and grandmothers were good cooks! Many men of the household did the cooking in the family. We hope the cookbook will help us with fundraising for the birthday celebration.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the 275th birthday for the Town of Epping. We are planning to do a cemetery walk, with volunteers playing the roles of interesting people buried in Central Cemetery. We also have plans to have a program about the "Old Houses" of Epping.

We at the society are so excited about Corey Blanchard's book, "The Images of Epping" by Acadia Books. If you have any interest in our town you will love this book. Corey did a great job with

the photos and with the text. Books are available from the Historical Society, or from the author. They are \$21.99, and worth every penny! Thank you Corey!

Have you had enough of this snow? I went to the Don Sanborn collection and found the following story of snow removal in Epping.

"For the first two hundred years, snow was not removed from the roads, but was packed down. The road was "broken" by driving a loaded sled, pulled by oxen up one side of the road, and return on the other. A blizzard could cause drifts that had to be shoveled by hand. As winter went on, the packed snow caused the roadbed to become higher and higher. The sides of the road melted faster than the traveled part of the road and so the driver often found himself driving along several feet higher than the sides. If he got too far to the right he could leave the roadbed and capsize. A few towns had a snow roller, but most towns did not. Epping never had a roller, it was easier and cheaper to put a plank under the sled to smooth and pack down the road.

By 1925 the auto was here to stay and the snow had to be removed from the roads. The first snowplowing that I know about was done by a Mead-Morrison caterpillar tractor with a large v-plow about 1927. It was slow but sure. I believe that Charles Harvey and Ben Woods were the two men who operated the tractor. By 1932, Conrad Marcotte and Hiram Weeks had trucks that were equipped with blades. At that time the roads were not plowed down to the gravel, but 4 or 5 inches of snow was left on the roadbed for horse drawn sleds. The cars in the 1920's and 1930's had more clearance than cars do today, and could go through much deeper snow before they started to drag.

Prior to 1931 the town used horses when working on the roads, except in the winter. The Mead-Morrison caterpillar was used with a v-plow. The winter of 1936 was very bad with lots of snow. I even got my name in the town report: Paid to Don Sanborn; 16 hours work @ .38 per hour--- \$6.00."

We are open on Monday's from 8:00 to 12:00, or whenever the flag is flying. If the hours are not convenient for you, please call: 679-2944, and if I am available I will meet you there.

Submitted by Joy True, Curator

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Phenology: To Everything, There Is a Season

After two blizzards, tons of snow, and unending cold, most of us are looking forward to spring. Real spring might take a while to get here, but if we note

the small changes, we are sure to see progress. This is what phenology is all about: the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life.

The more carefully we observe nature, the more we can see that spring is on its way. We don't need to wait for the first red-winged blackbird, the first robin, or even that patch of crocuses. Here are some signs of hope:

1. Note the change in day length every day. Sunrise will be a little earlier and sunset will be a little later each day. On March 20th, the spring equinox will mark the official start of spring and we'll have twelve hours of daylight to counteract twelve hours of darkness. Day length will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June.

2. Watch the buds on your trees and shrubs. As more water becomes available in the soil, more water will get pumped into the plant, swelling the buds in preparation for blossoms.

3. Keep your eyes open for hatches of spring insects. Some mayflies begin to hatch as early as early March. Don't worry; these are not the pests that will plague us later when the really warm weather returns.

4. Listen for changes in bird songs. The weather might still be cold, but birds must keep to their schedule and start their families on time.

Most of us are ready for spring, but is nature? Citizens are being asked to share their phenology notes with researchers to help them discern changes in the usual natural schedule. When are certain insects hatching? Are migratory birds arriving in time to maximize the available food for their chicks? When are fruiting trees blossoming? If you are an astute observer of nature or want to be, groups such as [New Hampshire Audubon](#) and [NH Sea Grant](#) are eager to hear from you.

Musseling into Clean Water

Mussels aren't usually considered to have very strong muscles, but the work they provide to the river and its inhabitants is Olympic in scale. Mussels are filter feeders: they draw water into their bodies, collect small particles of food, and then expel clean water. This simple act, repeated thousands of times each day and by many mussels, results in water that is much cleaner than it would be if there were no mussels.

The most common mussel in the Lamprey River is the Eastern elliptio. It lives in the softer sediments where it can burrow out of sight and the flow of water is slower. Often, the only whole

mussels that people see easily are those that have died or whose home has been disturbed by other animals or low water. With practice, mussel “necks” or siphons can be seen sticking out just above the sediment surface.



image from <http://en.wikipedia.org>

The Lamprey has several species of mussels and, up until the recent past, the river was home to healthy populations of several rare mussels. These rare mussels, including the endangered brook floater, are not doing well and might disappear altogether in the near future. The big floods of the last few years appear to have fatally impaired or buried most individuals. Recent studies have shown that the few rare mussels that remain are widely separated and are unlikely to be able to breed. No juveniles of the rare mussels have been found.

In Great Bay, American oysters are the important filter feeders. As with the river's mussels, oysters actively clean Great Bay's water. Oysters historically have been present in large numbers, but have been declining in recent years. The exact cause of the oyster decline is not certain, but nutrient pollution and heavy loads of flood-driven sediments from rivers are likely candidates. Researchers and volunteers are trying to bolster the number of American oysters through habitat restoration and assisted breeding programs.

Many surveys show that clean water is a top priority for most people. Mussels and oysters are ready to do their part. People can and must do their part to help these filter feeders succeed.

Please visit <http://www.lampreyriver.org/about-the-river-lrac-studies-mussel-survey> to read more about the mussels of the Lamprey.

To read more about oysters in Great Bay visit <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newhampshire/oyster-restoration/>.

Take a Hike: The Lamprey River Receives National Park Service Grant

The National Park Service will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016. To help connect the nation's designated natural and historic areas to the

people they serve, national parks, including Wild and Scenic rivers, were invited to submit ideas for grants that help build those connections. The Lamprey River has been awarded one of those grants.

Canoeing the Lamprey is an obvious way to enjoy the river, but for those who prefer to enjoy the river by walking along it, the opportunities are scattered and patchy. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee was awarded \$6,000.00 to perform a feasibility study whose goal is to create a footpath along the entire length of the river, from Northwood to Newmarket.



www.public-domain-image.com

A few short trails already exist. Several properties that have conservation easements along the river have public access stipulations that could allow walking paths. Several towns own property along the river that might be developed for walking paths. Informal paths for fisherman to access the river exist and some of these might be suitable for inclusion in a linked trail.

This project will not include actual trail development, but it will lay the groundwork for towns to publicize existing trails and identify other possible walking paths. No trails will pass through private property unless the landowner specifically agrees. The project is also intended to identify ecologically sensitive areas where a footpath could result in erosion or harm to threatened species. In those cases, the goal is to find alternate, less harmful routes or investigate how impacts could be reduced or eliminated.

A trail that covers the almost 50 mile length of the Lamprey River corridor is an exciting and daunting challenge. There is no guarantee of success. As Margaret Mead famously noted, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”



*Helping communities protect the
Lamprey River.*

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen

The Civil War Roundtable of NH



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

The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire was founded in May of 1991, and is dedicated to all aspects of the Civil War: Education, Preservation and Restoration. The CWRT-NH is a group of men and women who share a common interest in the War Between the States and that period in American History that defined Our Nation, as we know it today.

Our meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month, except no meetings are held in July, August or December. The meeting format is usually a speaker followed by a discussion. Coffee is served at 6:45 pm and we begin the meeting at 7:15 pm. The CWRT-NH is a nonprofit 501(c) organization and we are open to the public. Our meeting location is the Epping Town Hall 3rd floor (elevator available).

Meetings are recorded live by ETV (Channel 22). You can watch on your TV or computer by accessing the Epping Town site (for live or past meetings)

This is the CWRT-NH schedule for the next months.

Note: The schedule is subject to change without notice. You can access the CWRTNH website for the current schedule. If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be put on ETV. The February meeting was cancelled due to harsh weather conditions

March 20, 2015 – U.S. Naval Institute's Chuck Velt – "The Alligator" (U.S. Navy's Civil War Sub)

April 17, 2015 – Bill Hallett – "Lincoln's Last 24 Hours"

May 15, 2015 – Dave Decker – "Female Soldiers in the Civil War"

June 19, 2015 – Gary Ward – "Medal of Honor"

July and August – No meetings

The CWRTNH is now meeting on the third floor (above the present meeting room) at the Town Hall. As I have said in the past, I hope to see more people come to our meetings and join our group.

If you have an interest, would like to know more about the Civil War or are plain curious, our group is for you. For more information on membership and member fees, contact our Roundtable via email: cwrtnh@gmail.com.

*Submitted by Dan Bennis Board Member, CWRT-NH
dddennis@msn.com (Feel free to email me with any questions.)*



Epping Garden Club



The Epping Garden Club will be holding it's Pansy Bowl Fundraiser again this spring. We will all need a punch of color by then for our front steps and pansies can take a little chill in the air too!

Please LIKE US on Facebook to get the details as we find out from our grower the date they will be ready for new homes.

Thanks, Everyone! The Epping Garden Club

Submitted by Eunice Miller

Dig Your Garden Series Begins on March 4

Gardeners, it may be cold outside, but visions of planting season can keep you warm! Learn the ground rules of gardening in a workshop series sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County Master Gardeners, the Massabesic Audubon Center, and NOFA-NH.

UNH Cooperative Extension Agriculture Program Coordinator Ron Christie will lead the series, taking gardeners through every phase of the growing season. There are 11 sessions from which gardeners can choose with workshops being held on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings at the Massabesic Audubon Center at 26 Audubon Way in Auburn.

The "Dig Your Garden" series begins with Garden Planning on **Wed., March 4** from 7 to 9 p.m. Each session is \$7 per person or \$12 per couple/family. Contact Ron Christie at 679-5616 or ron.christie@unh.edu to register or for more information.

The workshops run March through April series and are designed for both new and experienced gardeners. The entire series is as follows:

- Garden Planning, **Wed., March 4**, 7 to 9 pm
- Healthy Soil and Garden Fertility, **Sat., March 7**, 9 am to 1 pm
- Starting Transplants from Seed, **Wed., March 11**, 7 to 9 pm
- Growing Apples and Pears, **Sat., March 14**, 9 am to 1 pm
- Containers and Raised Bed Gardening, **Wed., March 18**, 7 to 9 pm
- Pollinators; Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, and Pest Control, **Wed., March 25**, 7 to 9 pm
- A Fungus Among Us – Preventing Disease in your Garden, **Wed., April 1**, 7 to 9 pm
- Growing Blueberries, Raspberries and Strawberries, **Sat., April 4**, 9 am to 12 pm
- Growing Veggies and Herbs, **Wed., April 8**, 7 to 9 pm
- Growing Tomatoes, **Wed., April 15**, 7 to 9 pm
- Season Extension, **Wed., April 22**, 7 to 9 pm

A workshop schedule and flyer can be found at: bit.ly/DigYourGarden.

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.



Leddy Center

The next production in the Leddy Center's 2015 schedule for their exciting 40th season is "Steel Magnolias," on stage from **March 20-29**. It will be followed by "Bye, Bye, Birdie" July 10-26, "Mary Gatchell in Concert" October 2, "Charlotte's Web" from October 23 to November 11 and "A Christmas Carol" December 4-13,

Individual tickets are \$18 and available online at 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.

Private Guitar Lessons for All Ages at Leddy

Leddy Center School offers private guitar lessons for children, teens and adults! Whether you are young or young at heart and whether you'd like to learn to play guitar or just brush up on your technique, now is your chance to learn from an award winning singer-songwriter and composer!

Dan Searl is a graduate of the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. Dan performs regularly in the Boston area, including Boston's Hard Rock Café and The Palladium in Worcester, MA. He has studied with acclaimed guitarist Richie Hart, as well as Dave Seiler, Mark Shilansky, and David Newsam. Dan composed and performed in Dave Seiler's Big Band, performing at the renowned Clark Terry Jazz Festival. He has also been featured at countless Music Festivals and venues throughout the northeast.

If you are interested in private guitar lessons with Dan Searl please call the Leddy Center box office (Monday through Friday, from 3 pm to 5 pm) at 679-2781 or visit our website, www.leddycenter.org, for additional information and to contact Dan directly.



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule of live programs
Monday–Mar. 2, 16, 30; Apr. 13, 27 – Selectmen
–7 pm

Tuesday–Mar. 3; Apr. 7 –Water & Sewer –7 pm

Tuesday–Mar. 17; Apr. 21–Library Trustees–7 pm

Tuesday– Mar. 10; Apr. 14- Conservation

Commission- 7 pm

Wednesday – Mar. 4; Apr. 1 - Recreation
Commission-7pm
Wednesday–Mar. 18; Apr. 15–Budget Committee
–7 pm
Thursday–Mar. 5, 19; Apr. 2, 16–School Board
–7 pm
Thursday–Mar. 12; Apr. 9–Planning Board–6 pm
Friday–Mar. 20, Apr. 17–Civil War Roundtable
–7:15 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 meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Monday - 7 am
Tuesday - 11 am
Wednesday - 3 pm
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.



Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

If you would like information about joining Cub
Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Michael
Page** at michael.page.nh@gmail.com or contact
him at 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

Troop 136 was busy with winter activities
starting in January with the Winter Fun weekend
that included plenty of outdoor activities despite
below zero temperatures. Scouts made the best of
the weekend by working on skills that would
prepare them for the upcoming Klondike Derby.

At the District Klondike Derby held in Danville,
Troop 136 once again asserted their dominance in
this skills competition by taking 1st place in four of
the seven events and winning the competition
overall! The “Super Patrol” excelled in the events
such as Ravine Crossing, First Aid, Winter Water
rescue, Fire starting, First Aid and more. This was
a return to dominance shown when the Troop
would routinely win the Klondike each year.

The Scouts wrapped up their winter camping by
hosting Pack 136 for a day of fun at Zion’s Camp in
Raymond for the annual Polar Bear weekend. The
Pack was there for a day enjoying ice fishing and
sledding, while the Troop spent two nights at camp.
One night was spent in cabins, while the other was
spent in snow shelters built by the Scouts. Snow
was abundant making the construction simpler and
the insulation value greater! Quite an adventure for
the Scouts and leaders!

The Scouts have many things planned over the
next few months. They look forward to camping at
Straw’s property **April 10-12**, indoor rock climbing,
and the spring Camporee.

Congratulations to the newly elected Committee:
Chairperson Pat Oumansour, Vice Chairperson
Skip Wyatt, re-elected Treasurer Peter Gibb and re-
elected Secretary Henry McTague.

If you know a boy between the ages of 11-17
who would benefit from an organization like the Boy
Scouts, please contact Les Houston at 231-1148.

Submitted by Les Houston



It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Local Girl Scouts are now taking orders for Girl
Scout Cookies, to be delivered in early March.
There are seven varieties that sell for \$4.00 a box.
A new gluten-free option, available in limited

quantities, is the buttery Toffee-tastic at \$5.00 a box. The cookies are kosher foods and there are zero grams of trans fat per serving.

The Girl Scout Cookie program enables girls to attend camp, have endless enjoyable learning opportunities (Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offers more than 100 programs for girls) and learn valuable leadership skills. All proceeds remain locally to support girls in New Hampshire and Vermont.

If you don't know a Girl Scout but want cookies, you can call the Cookie Hotline: 888-474-9686 ext.4201 and leave a message. You can also use the Girl Scout Cookie Locator app <http://littlebrowniebakery.com/cookies/find-girl-scout-cookies-on-your-mobie-phone>.

For more information, call 888-474-9686 or visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

American Legion News

March

American Legion Post 51, Epping, is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance featuring *Chippy and the Ya Yas* on **Saturday, March 14th**. The New England Boiled inner includes your choice of Corned Beef or Ham and all the fixings. TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th. ONLY 100 Tickets will be sold for this St. Patrick's Day Dinner that will be served between 6:00 and 7:30 pm. The tickets MUST BE purchased in advance for \$12 per person. Please see the bartender in the Canteen at the Epping Legion. Tickets will be sold until they run out or until the cutoff date of March 10th! This ticket does include entrance to the dance that will begin at 8:00 pm. *Chippy and the Ya Yas* are a NH based cover band which they say is born to blow our mind, rock our socks, and shake our booty like never before. They play songs from the 60's on up. Hard driving and high octane!! We expect our dance floor to be jam packed!!! You can check out their music online at www.chippyandtheyayas.com. If you miss out on the dinner tickets or you just want to attend the dance that starts at 8:00 pm, the cost is \$7/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.

April

The Epping American Legion will be hosting a COMEDY NIGHT on **Saturday, April 18th**. Mark your calendar to hold that date!! More information on times and comedians will be forthcoming. \$10 per person.

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, March 8th** and **Sunday, April 12th** - 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!

Submitted by Janet Hoffman



Epping Fire Department

Daylight savings time will start on **March 8th**. Turn your clocks ahead. Please be sure to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries. If you need help, call the Fire Department and we will give you assistance. Smoke Detectors Save Lives! And so do Carbon Monoxide Detectors!

Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716

The Explorers of Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 136 have been very busy. They have completed a CPR course and several fire trainings. This past week four of them helped shovel snow off the Epping Elementary School roof after the school was evacuated because of the snow load.

Applebee's will host a fundraiser for the Post on **Thursday, March 12th** from 4 to 9 pm. Diners must have a flyer from the Post in order for the dinner to count. Flyers may be picked up at the fire station or by calling Cliff Cray at 396-9436 and leaving a message.

Youth 14 years old to 20 years old are invited to join the Epping Fire Department Explorer Post. The Explorers meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

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 call Cliff Cray at 396-9436 or e-mail at deacon100@comcast.net.

Police Explorer Post 714

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

Epping Community Church

Our church service is at 9:00 am every Sunday morning. Following the service we have a time of fellowship for everyone to share a cup of coffee, a bite to eat and great conversation with friends...new and old. Sunday School is at 11:00 am for all ages including a adult class. We are located on the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets.

Our **3rd Saturday dinners** continue to be very popular. We serve from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and you can get a dinner to go if you'd like! On **March 21st** we will be offering corned beef and cabbage with lots of extras. On **April 18th** we will once again offer a turkey dinner with all of the fixings. The dinners are always \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. So come and enjoy a home cooked meal...we'd love to see you....and we'll do the dishes!! All proceeds from these monthly dinners go to our ongoing building project. Thank you for all of your support and we hope to see you soon!

Friday Night Pizza is open from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The pizza crew is always ready to take your order in person or by phone at 679-5542. You can come and enjoy it at the church or take it home! This is a great time to come and see some of your friends from the community while having a really great homemade pizza with any topping that you want.

Epping Community Care Inc. has been busy helping our friends and neighbors in the community who are in need of a helping hand. Last year we served over 2400 families and individuals at the food pantry. We have very dedicated volunteers and donors who help us to provide this service and we are extremely grateful to all. We also offer coats, hats, mittens, gloves and other cold weather gear to our clients. Thank you to all that have donated to this as well. Our Soup of the Day Café is every Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We always offer two delicious soups as well as salad, crackers, dessert and beverage. The café is a free lunch open to everyone in the community. Please come and join us!! Because of our crazy New England weather, if the Epping Schools are delayed or canceled...the Soup Café will be closed.

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, 4:00 pm

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

March

Mondays – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm

Fridays – Adoration – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Fridays – Stations of the Cross – 6 pm

K of C Fish Supper during Lent – 5:30 pm

April

Mondays – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm

Fridays – Adoration – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Apr. 2nd – Holy Thursday mass – 7 pm

Apr. 3rd – Good Friday – Stations at 3 pm;
Veneration of Cross – 7 pm

Apr. 4th – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

Apr. 5th – Easter Sunday masses – 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

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 Baptist 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 follows the Faith Weaver curriculum and all classes learn about the same passage of Scripture with lessons tailored for each group

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.

Prayer and Praise fellowship is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the parsonage.

The Awana program (ages three through grade 6) meets on Friday nights to help children learn about God's Word. There will also be a 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.

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.

West Epping Quaker Meeting House

The West Epping Meeting grew out of the Seabrook Quarterly Meeting in the middle of the 18th 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
www.eppinglibrary.com

Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 – 5
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 – 8
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Preschool Story Times with Miss Eva & Mr. Ben

Pre-registration is required. Call us at 679-5944 or e-mail us at hmmlyouth@gmail.com. Limit of 12 children at each session.

Join us for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm, and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am.

If reading is your thing, get some great books this spring!!

Coming this Summer – Summer Reading Program

“Every Hero Has a Story”

Knit Night

Get together on 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Bring your own yarn and needles. Enjoy the company of other knitters! For more information, contact coordinator Marjorie Pim at marjpim@yahoo.com.

Adult Book discussion Groups

New members are always welcome!

The Eclectic Book Club meets on second Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

The Dusty Old Mystery Group meets on third Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

For more information, please call us at 734-4587 or visit us at www.eppinglibrary.com.

Submitted by Bradley A. Green, Library Director

Epping Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition

(Youth Organizations Unite To Help)

Applying for the Drug-Free Communities Grant:

The wisdom and insight of Sandi and the very wonderful and helpful people at the United Way, guided us into seeing the reality and positive choice to forego the DFC Grant for this year.

Moving Forward:

The knowledge and experience of Rick Frost, Chief Wallace, Jay Newman, and Russ Hero Wednesday, guided us into seeing some of the Substance-related "Local Conditions" that exist in Epping, and the Root-Causes that enable them to happen....which served to motivate us to have the Community Discussion Workshops, as soon as snow-season is over! And get our Action Plans started, have opportunities for the Community to Connect, get Involved, and Make a Difference for All in our Epping Community!

There will be Two Community Discussion Workshops – 6 pm, EHS Cafeteria, dates TBD:

Workshop #1

Prioritize local Substance Use Issues

Discover Substance-problem Local Conditions & their Root-Causes

Workshop #2

Brainstorm Solutions

Create Action Plans

There will be refreshments and PRIZE Give-aways!!!

Workshop #1 -- Orange Leaf & Dunkin's Gift Cards

Workshop #2 -- O'Neill Cinemas Gift Card & Dunkin's Gift Cards

**Students, bring your parents!*

**Parents, bring your students!*

I want to Thank everyone involved in the Coalition for your time and energy during this very busy couple of crazy-snow months!

Success is always a Team Effort!

Next Meetings: 3rd Wednesdays, **March 18th** and **April 15th**

Submitted by Linda Daigle

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

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 or cell at 608-9487. The temporary Rec. Office has been set up on the 2nd 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.

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 or see Joyce in the Board of Selectman'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 & Elementary School 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.

For ages 6-8 years

This class is a great combination of basics in Ballet and Jazz with a little Hip Hop. This class provides a variety for students looking to move and groove. Class will consist of a center warm-up to strengthen the body and increase flexibility along with traveling steps across the floor and center combinations. Class will be held at the Diamond Dance Academy on Saturdays from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm. The cost is \$70.

Session 2: March 9th – April 18th

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

Please feel free to contact Sue with questions: Diamonddancenr@gmail.com. To register, please visit Diamond Dance Academy Online Reg. Site: <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/reg.asp?id=519042>.

Future Preschool Programs

If you are interested in any or all of the following potential programs, please e-mail us at eppingrecreation@gmail.com to be placed on an e-mail list for the more information as it becomes available.

1. We are looking at bringing "Tumble Bus" back to town. "Tumble bus of NH is a full size school bus that has been converted into a child size gym that teaches children ages 2-6 gymnastics and physical fitness. We have at least two coaches on the bus at all times who work with small groups of children."
2. Interested in an indoor Preschool Soccer Program in early Spring? (after Basketball season is over).
3. What do you think about a preschool Mad Science Camp this summer for kids ages 3-6 years old.

Elementary School Programs

Before & After School Program:

The Spring 2015 Before & After School Program Registration is now OPEN! Please download registration form and Participation Forms from the website and mail in with Deposit Payment. Space will be filled on a First Come Basis! Call Nicole for more information 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 I & Playground, then to EES Gym till close.

Call Nicole for more information at 608-9487.

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 your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 674-6599 or e-mail her at eppingata@gmail.com.

ALL beginners receive a FREE Uniform.

Middle/High School Programs

8th – 12th 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

The popular dance aerobics class is back in the Epping Recreation Department with Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen. She has classes on Thursday nights from 7:45 to 8:45 pm at the MS/HS Café. Cost: \$35 for a 6-week session, \$7 drop-In.

Please visit Cassandra's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/zumbawithcassandra> for more class information and to give music choice suggestions. She will also post changes or cancellations there. Please follow for the latest information on her classes.

Interested in other adult activities?

We have had several adults express interest in adult volleyball and adult gym nights, where adults can come to play a friendly game of Dodge Ball, Kick Ball or other fun gym games from your past! Please contact us via Facebook or by e-mailing us at eppingrecreation@gmail.com to be placed on a list of interested people. Please include what days of the week and times would work best for you, to help us in our planning. Most of our Adult programs depend on utilizing space at the schools, which is limited, and we do have the potential of getting bumped from our time/day, often at the last minute. Please keep this in mind and be patient and understanding if we need to re-schedule or cancel nights.

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 or you can e-mail us at 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 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). Pre-registration not needed. Cost: Free.

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 and click on the Register for Family Programs button, or call 422-8208 x2.

Epping Students in the News

Jennifer Chamberlain graduated from Arizona State University at the Spring 2014 Commencement ceremony.

Many Epping students from Universities and Colleges in seven different states were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester.

Clarkson University

Sawyer James Begin

Coastal Carolina University

Christie M. Cole

Keene State College

Cassidy Garrow

Trisha Mills

Sienna College

Taylor Booth

University of New Hampshire

High Honors

Natalie Bilynsky

Nicholas Carano

Molly Fitzpatrick

Lauren Haley

Eric Ouellette

Kyle Pimentel

Amy Simon

Sara Sturzo

Jacob Vasapolli

Honors

Justin Cawley

Morgan King

Janine Perkins

Kathryn Rajchel

Michael Seaman

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Julie Venuti

University of Rhode Island

Miranda Lynn Janvrin

Zoe Bea Pugliese

Washington and Lee University

Shannon Nollet

Wheelock College

Julie Marie Cusano

Shannon Colford was named to the St. Thomas Aquinas High School Honor Roll for the first quarter of 2014/2015: Grade 11: Honors.

Brianna Parent was one of thirty-seven Worcester Polytechnic Institute's student-athletes to receive NEWMAC Academic All-Conference recognition for the Fall season. The WPI volleyball team had three selections to the NEWMAC All-Academic team, including Brianna



Epping School District News

Valerie McKenney is Epping's New Superintendent

The search for the new Superintendent of the Epping Schools was successful. Valerie McKenney, the current principal of Rochester Middle School, will be our new Superintendent and her first day on the job will be July 1st. She will replace Barbara Munsey, who is retiring this June. The search process was very thorough and involved students, parents, community members, school staff, school and district administration and school board members.

Ms. McKenney holds a Master's Degree in administration and supervision from the University of New Hampshire and a Bachelor of Science degree in special education/elementary education from Keene State College. She is married to Mike McKenney, principal of Horne Elementary School in Dover and has two grown children.

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 under School Board/Agenda & Minutes. ETV is also streaming meetings that you can watch live on your computer at: <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>.

March 5th and 19th

April 2nd and 16th

Epping Elementary School (EES)

EES School Calendar

Mar. 2 – Classes resume

Mar. 2 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

Mar. 2-11 – Artist in Residence

Mar. 4 – Kindergarten Registration 6-7:30 pm

Mar. 10 – Pasta Dinner for Ryan O'Day Care Fund 7-9 pm

Mar. 11 – Culminating Event of Artist in Residence Program

Mar. 13 – Child Find Clinic

Mar. 13 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Professional Development Day

Mar. 18 – Music in Our Schools dinner 5:30; concert 6:30

Mar. 28 – EES Barnes & Noble Book Fair at Fox Run Mall

Mar. 28 – PTO Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30

Mar. 28 – Epping Rec Easter Egg Hunt 10:30-11:30

Apr. 6 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

Apr. 9-10 – The Emperor's New Clothes 7 pm

Apr. 22 – Unified Arts Showcase for Grades 4 & 5 6-8 pm.

Apr. 27-May 1 – **NO SCHOOL** – Spring Vacation

Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Epping Elementary PTO will hold their fifth annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, March 28th**, from 8:30-10:30 am at the Epping Elementary School to raise money for student enrichment programs.

The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee and the breakfast will be served by parents and student volunteers. Everyone is invited to please come and enjoy a tasty breakfast while supporting a good cause. This fun family event also includes free face painting, coloring, and crafts.

The cost of the breakfast is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and children 12 and under. Photographs with the Easter Bunny will be \$2.50.

Epping Rec Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be making his way to Epping on **Saturday, March 28th**, and needs help finding his lost eggs. The Epping Recreation Department invites Epping children to come to the Epping Elementary School field from 10:30 to 11:30 and participate in the free Easter egg hunt. Turn in your eggs for candy and prizes!

NEHS Students Hold NHSPCA Fundraiser

Our national Elementary Honor Society students recently held a Valentine's Day fundraiser for the NHSPCA and raised \$200 by selling heart-shaped dog and cat treat bags. Thank you to everyone who helped support this endeavor. Congratulations to our NEHS students!

The Ryan O'Day Care Fund- Facebook.com/Care for Ryan

Several fundraisers have been planned to help support Ryan O'Day, a lifetime Epping resident and a paraprofessional and basketball coach at Epping Elementary School. He is waiting for a second heart transplant and the money raised will help with expenses associated with the upcoming transplant. Here are some of the recent fundraisers:

"Super Hero T-Shirts"

This fundraiser was organized by Kim Wyman Krenzer.

"From the Heart of Eagles"

The EES Student Council and National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) organized a fundraiser during ebruary and raised \$2,012.95.

"A Heart for Ryan"

The Rossel family and Symmetry Tile Work's organized an evening at the Epping Middle School on February 16th where individuals made hand-made heart tiles in support of Ryan. They raised \$1,807.75 that evening for Ryan's fund.

"Hearts for Ryan"

There will be a pasta dinner on **Tuesday, March 10th** at EES from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Donations may be made at TD Bank in Epping and designated for the Ryan O'Day Care Fund. For updates on events or other ways to help, visit www.facebook.cfm/careforryan.

Second Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 3

High Honors:

Dylan Dulong, Chanah Katz, Autumn Loving, Sarah McTague, Casey Morin, Eva Simpson, Charlize Stevens, Delaney Yates, Ryan Zheng

Honors:

Nicholas Albro, Clay Barker, Robert Bizarro, Avia Blakney, Daniel Ciriello, Mason Coldsmith, Troy Coleman, Richelle Currier, Robbie Currier, Abigail Deary, Tessa George, Carlos Guenard, Isabella Greubel, Amelia Harper, Wyatt Idell, Cooper Lawrence, Shawna Lin, Lillian Long, Myleigh Martin, Maelie McAniff, Malaney McAniff, Taylor Pahlavan, Autumn Patterson, Aleila Pereira, Olivia Rogalski, Aidan Rossel, Annabelle Shumway, Skyler Simard, Logan Snyder, Jacob Twombly

Grade 4

High Honors:

Brooke Bacon, Kaelin Beattie, Cooper Bernier, Kaylin Hennessy, Brady Lewis, Nathan McTague, Sophia Morang, Miriam Peck, Luke Snyder.

Honors:

Sophie Bade, Jada Bartlett, Christel Bellen, Maddison Beltran, Kaitlyn Chapman, Austin Clark, Ethan Coldsmith, Tyler Curtis, Jared DeCourcy, Aiden Dyer, Allie Galante, Olivia Gosselin, Sam Gosselin, Leah Hackett, Daniel Johnson, James Le, Sean Lecuyer, Mackenzie Milbury, Madison Milliken, Pacy Morgado, Brooke Needham, Somya Paige, Lindsey Parents, Maiya Poloian, Brady Powicki, Annalee Roy, Dev Sappal, Christopher Sullivan, Tyler Valdez.

Grade 5

High Honors:

Kaitlyn Boelter, Sarah Brassil, Melissa Daigle, Sydney Farris, Jade Gagnon, Jessica Galante, Julia Hardy, Elizabeth Hobbs, Jacob Loving, David Meyer, Zachary Orthman, Aryana Patnaude, Michael Picard, Abigail Purchas, Morgan Witmer.

Honors:

Will Barker, Kristopher Birarelli, Dylan Comeau, Trey Finkelstein, Skylar Fortin, Alexander Greubel, Ryan Hibbard, Katrina Jansson, Jackson Knox, Zachary Leblanc, Ciretta Mackenzie, Stamatis Maschas, Sasha McCabe, Patrick McTague, Wyatt Noel, Kevin O'Connell, Mikhail Ozols, Ryan Page, Gracie Re, Zachary Rogers, Aaron Sable, Alexandra Simard, Maxwell Simpson, Domenic Spinelli, Rachel Swanson, Tayler Sylvain, Molly Tessier, Elias Torossian, Jacklyn Tracy, Haley Williamson

Epping Middle School (EMS)



Colin Farris Wins EMS Geography Bee

Apparently winning the Epping Middle School Spelling Bee in December was not enough for Colin Ferris. The personable eighth grader recently won the EMS Geography Bee as well! Seventh grader Reese Idell was runner-up and sixth grader Peter McTague finished third.

All EMS students took part in the process through classroom contests. Finalists from each of the three grades then competed where Colin outlasted the ten finalists. Colin sealed the victory when he answered "Kenya" to the following question: "National Geographic explorer Shivani Bhalla works with warriors in the local Samburu community to protect lions south of Lake Turkana in which African country?" He will now take a written test to qualify for the upcoming State Geography Bee to be held on **March 27th** in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

(**Note:** Colin is competing in the State Spelling Bee on February 28th. The results aren't in as we go to press.)

Second Quarter Honor Roll

We are so proud of our students for setting and achieving such high academic goals.

Grade 6:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Isabelle Deary, Andrew LeBlanc, Taya Morgado, Jenna Needham, Abigail Walsh,

Highest Honors in Learning:

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Honors in Learning:

Michael Anderson, Alexa Bade, Quenton Burleigh, Delaney Clough, Joshua Coolidge, Cody DeLorge, Tyson Dionne, Spencer Gaudreau, Nicholas Greubel, Alexa Guarente, Alyssa Higginbottom, Kalee Hill, Ryan Hoelzel, Tayler Holt, Trevor Hovey, Ashlan Idell, Scott Johnson, Madison Lambert, Jack LePage, Erika MacLeod, Ryan MacVicar, MacKenzie McAniff, Dillon McKenzie, Peter McTague, Jack Meyer, Benjamin Milbury, Arianna Murphy, Meaghan Murphy, Ciara Patey, Clair Raymond, Luke Rossel, Emma Roussel, Kate Roussel, Abigail Roy, Brandon Spechuilli, Nicolas Spinelli, Amara Stevens, Haleigh Sullivan, Payden Swidrak, Sean Thornton Jr., Willow Tyler, Cassidy Wall, Madelin Walsh, Megan Webber, Alexander Wyatt

Grade 7:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Trey Loving, Oakley Lustenberger, Joey Zheng

Highest Honors in Learning:

Samantha Johnson, Trey Loving, Oakley Lustenberger, Karissa Martin, Hayley Pelletier, Joey Zheng

Honors in Learning:

Hannah Armstrong, Luke Barker, Mikayla Berger, Jasmyne Bickford, Noah Bilodeau, Calle Bisaillon, Lyndsey Chevalier, Derek Dixey, Laura Duguie, Joseph Furey, Molly Gallagher, Ryan Glass, Reese Idell, Keyghan Lewis, Peter Marrone Jr., Hayden Miller, Ava Montalbano, Trevor Montes, Olivia Parents, Alana Porter, Mackenzie Rancati, Madison Rancati, Peyton Rivers, Savannah Smart, Isabella Snyder, Sharon Swanson, Makayla Swidrak, Logan Szmit, Faith Williamson,

Grade 8:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Mikayla Ball, Allison Nee, Casey Needham, Jennifer Nikolova, Julianna Re, Abby Simard

Highest Honors in Learning:

Allison Nee, Lily O'Connell, Julianna Re, Abby Simard

Honors in Learning:

Mikayla, Ball, Addison Bickford, Hunter Bullock, Benjamin Colban, Ryan Donovan, Madison Downing, Meghan Galante, Ryan Johnson, Gracia Jordan, Emilie LeBlanc, Adam LePage, Megan Marasca, Ashley Martin, Maya Martin, Rachel Martin, Cerys McCabe, Alexis McDuffee, Destiny McKay, Haley Munguia, Casey Needham, MacKenzie Newman, Jennifer Nikolova, Kiana Pond, Shelby Prestridge, Lauren Robbins, Morgan Shanley,

EMS Students Win Scholastic Art Awards

Four Epping Middle School Students were honored for their work by the Scholastic Art Awards on Sunday, February 8th, at 12 noon at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

Emily Finney's sculpture and Micky Toth's drawing were selected for the silver awards. Haley Munguia's drawing and Oakley Lustenberger's digital art were given honorable mention.

The artwork was on display at the theatre from January 20 through February 8.

Epping High School (EHS)

Outing Club Trip to Pat's Peak

The Epping High School Outing Club is offering a downhill ski trip to Pats Peak in Henniker, NH. The program will be held after school on **Thursday, March 12th** from 12:30 to 9:30 pm (estimated return time to EHS). The program is open to all high

Epping Calendar of Events for March 2015

March 2	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
March 2-11	EES Artist in Residence
March 4	Kindergarten Registration
March 4	UNH Cooperative Extension Garden Series begins
March 5	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
March 7	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 8	American Legion Post 51 Sunday Breakfast Buffet – 9:00-11:30 am
March 9 - <i>Apr. 18</i>	Diamond Dance Academy Saturday classes
March 8	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
<i>Feb 16</i> –March 10	EES Artist in Residence Program “Randy Armstrong and Theo Matey”
March 10	Ryan O’Day Care Fund Pasta Dinner
March 10	ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!!! EMS Gym 8 am–7 pm
March 11	EES Artist in Residence Culminating Event
March 11	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 11	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 12	Fire Dept. Explorers Fundraiser at Applebee’s – 4-9 pm
March 12	EHS Outing Club Trip to Pats Peak
March 12	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm “Program: Police Dept.”
March 13	Child Find Clinic at EES 10 am to 2 pm (Snow date: March 20)
March 13	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day
March 14	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 14	American Legion St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Dance
March 16	Eighth Grade Parents Transitional Meeting in the cafeteria – 6:30-7:30 pm
March 17	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
March 17	275 th Birthday Bash Committee meeting – 7 pm
March 18	Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
March 18	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 18	Music in Our Schools Month Band and Chorus – 6:30 pm
March 19	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
March 20 - 29	Leddy Center presents “Steel Magnolias”
March 20	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
March 21	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 21	Epping Community Church Dinner “Corned Beef Dinner” – 5-6:30 pm
March 21	275 th Birthday Bash Fundraiser Dance – 7-11 pm
March 24	275 th Birthday Bash Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
March 24	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
March 25	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 27	State Geography Bee
March 28	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 28	EES PTO 5 th Annual Pancake Breakfast – 8:30-10:30 am
March 28	Epping Recreation Community Easter Egg Hunt in the EES Field – 10:30-11:30 am
March 28	EES Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Epping Calendar of Events for April 2015

Date	Event
April 2	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
April 4	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 6	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
April 8	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
April 8	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
April 9	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm “Program: Fire Dept.”
April 9-10	EES Spring Musical “Emperor’s New Clothes – 7 pm
April 10-12	Boy Scout camping weekend at Straw’s property
April 11	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 12	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
April 12	American Legion Valentine’s Prime Rib Dinner and Dance
April 15	Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
April 15	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
April 16	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
April 17	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
April 18	American Legion Comedy Night
April 18	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 18	Epping Community Church Dinner “Roast Turkey Dinner” – 5-6:30 pm
Mar. 9 - April 18	Diamond Dance Academy Saturday classes
April 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
April 21	275 th Birthday Bash Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
April 22	EES Unified Arts Showcase Grades 4 and 5 – 6 pm
April 25	Lamprey River Canoe Race and Duck Race
April 25	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 25	DEADLINE DATE for the May-June issue of the Newsletter
April 27–May 1	NO SCHOOL – SPRING VACATION
April 28	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at bhelmstetter@comcast.net by **April 25, 2015**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.