



# Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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## About this Newsletter

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Also, check us out on our new **Facebook** page!

## Winter Epping Farmers Markets

Winter Farmers Markets are being held in Epping on the first Friday of each month, November through April, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Epping Community Church. Each meeting will feature most of the vendors who participated in the summer markets.

## Help Support Our Troops All Year

Troop flights returning from or going to the Middle East are met at Pease Air Terminal in Portsmouth, NH, by the Pease Greeters, a group of volunteers. The group has over 100 members and they have not missed greeting a flight since 2005. In addition to greeting flights, they also coordinate sending care packages to troops overseas. Packages are sent monthly and items are collected throughout the year.

You can drop anything from the following list to Joyce at the Town Hall or contact JoAnne Schottler at 772-8620 or [jscatlady@aol.com](mailto:jscatlady@aol.com)

### Pease Greeters Care Package Wish List

Toiletry items-8 oz. or travel size, no aerosol cans

Chapsticks	Eye Drops	Flip Flops
Hand lotion	Shampoo	White socks mid-calf
Deodorant	Inner soles	Shave gel in tubes
Tylenol	Foot powder	Sanitary items
Aspirin	Conditioner	Mouthwash
Dental Floss	Handi-Wipes	Handwarmers, etc.

Food items-individually packed to share

Cookies	Coffee-1lb.	Dried Fruit
Nuts	Gum	Tootsie Pops, Rolls
Trail mix	Beef Jerky	Granola Bars
Pop-tarts	Hard Candy	Freeze Pops
Microwave popcorn		Slim Jims
Crystal Light, etc.	- on-the-go drink mixes	

Fun stuff for the Troops

Frisbees	Yo-Yos
Dice	Playing cards
Baseballs	Small Nerf Balls
Rubik Cubes	Small card games

Items that cannot be sent

Any food containing pork  
Adult books or magazines

### Another way to support 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 and provide 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.

If you have any questions or want more information about how you can help the troops, contact Joyce in the Town Clerk's Office at the Epping Town Hall or call 679-5441, ext. 101.

## Please Send News From Our Troops

Please send us news about any men and women with an Epping connection who are serving

in our Armed Forces. We honor their dedication and service and we'd like to set aside a section of this Newsletter for news of these brave men and women. Please let us know what they're doing so we can let our readers know. Send the news to us at [www.speakupepping.org](http://www.speakupepping.org) and we will post it in this Newsletter.

## HELP - Knitters Still Needed!

A message for those knitters out there: we are now collecting soft knit hats/caps for cancer patients to wear while in the hospital to keep warm. Use your own pattern or see Joyce at the Town Hall for a real easy free pattern or contact her at 679-5441, ext. 101. You may also drop off your completed hats at the Town Hall. Thank you!



## Epping Lions Club

**"We Serve"**

Our latest successful event was our third annual Gas Card Raffle! Top prize of a \$300 gas card and three \$50 gas cards were awarded at our holiday meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our winners, who will be posted on our website, <http://epping.nhlions.org>

The Epping Lions are proud to support our local community during the holiday season, with gift cards to families through the school and hat and mitten donations to our local food pantry. We have several event and fundraising ideas for 2012, including revisiting a Pancake Breakfast, sending sunglasses to our armed forces and eye testing in all three schools. Our big event - the Lamprey River Canoe Race - is coming up in April.

The Lions continue to support the eyeglass boxes, located at several locations around town, including the Epping Wal-Mart. Drop off your old eyeglasses to help others who need them.

Please check us out at <http://epping.nhlions.org> Meeting times are posted and are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Currently we meet at Checkers Barber Shop downtown. We are always looking for new members interested in fellowship and serving your community. We'd love to see you!

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## Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club finished the year with a wonderful Christmas party at Camelot which is part of the Holy Grail. It was their first at Camelot since it opened.

For the next few months we're planning everything in "Pencil," including a trip back to the Currier Museum, the State Capitol (we haven't gotten there yet), the culinary school for lunch and the Sugar Shack which leads us into spring. All - weather permitting. The list will grow once we warm up.

A recent adventure was a tour of the Rockingham County Jail. Superintendent Steve Church was an excellent tour guide who taught us so many interesting facts. The locking doors behind us were difficult to get used to, as was the inside of a jail cell. We all agreed it sure would be a great incentive to anyone to stay on the right side of the law and not on the wrong side of those bars.

We added a new challenge to our Christmas season. Once again we donated several boxes of an entire ham dinner to the Soup Kitchen who distributed them to Epping families. The new challenge was to bake over three hundred cookies to give to the Meals-On-Wheels program in Brentwood to be distributed to their recipients. We did it with several cookies to spare.

Here it comes - our first mention of our annual Yard Sale. This is a great time for us all, on those cold and snowy days, to once again clean out those closets, basements and "his" garage. I mention "once again" because we seniors get rid of "stuff" every year but continue to find more stuff every new year. Do you? We think it's because our kids don't want our "stuff." So, we'll give you the actual date of the Sale in our next newsletter.

This is a good time for seniors to join our Club. We meet at the Watson Academy the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. A few of the upcoming programs include a World War II speaker, a pharmacist with updates of medications (both bad and good), an attorney with updates on elder laws and much more.

Tidbit.....A Senior Citizen's New Year's Resolution is something that goes in one year and comes out the other.

*Submitted by Irene R. Cote*



## TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST REACHING FOR STARS

Back in July, 1925, when Calvin Coolidge was in the White House and Dan Harvey was almost five years old here on Red Oak Hill, just seeing an airplane flying around Epping was a really rare event. So one can only imagine the excitement that summer day, as a massive object passed over our town. Measuring almost two football fields long and nearly 80 feet around, it was the world famous airship "Shenandoah" on a flight to Bar Harbor from her home port of Lakehurst, New Jersey. She had been built there and christened "Shenandoah," an American Indian term meaning "Daughter of the Stars." She was the first rigid helium inflated airship in history and the first to cross North America, thus winning the hearts of Americans and aviation leaders everywhere. When the Shenandoah went down in a squall line over Ohio in September of that same year, it marked the world's greatest aviation disaster up to that time.

1925 was also the year that a rough-necked Lithuanian from Binghamton, New York married a girl from Epping, New Hampshire. He came here to live on Pleasant Street and swiftly became one of our town's more colorful citizens. Jack Sharkey was a Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World and had some knockout tales of his own to tell. Here's one of them:

On the night of May 21, 1927, New York's Yankee Stadium was jammed with boxing fans all geared up for the elimination match between Jack and his longtime rival Jimmy Maloney. As the fighters stood in their corners waiting for the starting bell, the ring announcer suddenly asked everyone to observe a moment of prayer. "It got so quiet you could hear a pin drop." Jack recalled years later. That was the night when 30,000 people in Yankee Stadium got to their feet and bowed their

heads as one for the safe landing of a young American pilot who at that very moment was flying alone across the vast Atlantic Ocean on his way to France.

Six other men had died trying, but Charles Lindbergh, an Air Mail pilot and Army Reserve Officer, was determined to win the \$25,000 prize for the first nonstop flight between New York and Paris, a distance of over 3,600 miles, in his single-engine plane named the Spirit of St. Louis. To reduce the plane's weight because of the extra fuel tanks, he had decided to fly without a radio, gas gauge, night-flying lights, navigation equipment, a co-pilot or even a parachute. With only a magnetic compass, airspeed, luck, prayers and five sandwiches, he flew 34 hours straight, a good part of it through snow and sleet. He landed safely through a foggy night on a Paris airfield to be met by the thunderous welcome of thousands of wildly cheering French. He was named "Lucky Lindy" and became a world famous hero. President Coolidge presented him with both the Distinguished Flying Cross and our highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Dan Harvey was about seven years old here in Epping when Lindy landed in Paris. His own interest in "those flying machines" had begun when one flew by his house on Red Oak Hill. By the time he was 18 years old, his father was still grumbling that anybody's life in a plane depended "only on a darn fuel tank." Nonetheless, two dollars meant fifteen minutes of flying lessons in Haverhill and Dan drove there for them in his old Buick with a door missing. He was his father's only son, the only boy in an old farming family. To keep him happy and on the farm his father bought him a Piper Cub and a potato planting machine.

Then one cold February night in 1956, Dan was flying solo 3,000 feet above Boston Harbor and ran out of fuel. He managed to land safely on deserted Outer Brewster Island and built a fire to keep himself warm and attract attention to his plight. He found some crackers in his pocket and made a meal of them. Then he hunkered down for the night and woke up next morning to loud shouts of "Anybody there?!!" A U.S. Coast Guard boat had come to the rescue of Epping's "Flying Farmer." When he finally landed his plane here back home, he was welcomed by his much relieved family and friends from all over town. People affectionately began calling him "Lindy" to which he replied "No heroics here. Any fool can run out of gas."

And so wherever life may take us, may we always land safely and never run out of fuel,



matches- or crackers.

**This is ninth in a series of Epping historical articles for this newsletter.**

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## Epping Historical Society

Everyone at the Epping Historical Society sends greetings and best wishes for the New Year. The Society expects that 2012 will be an eventful year, with many projects and programs on the horizon. Mark your calendar now for April 26<sup>th</sup> - the date of the next program at the Historical Society. Details will follow soon.

December 31<sup>st</sup> marks the end of the Society's fiscal year. Dues for 2012 will be due starting January 1st. Members should keep an eye open for the next edition of the Society newsletter, which will reach your mailbox later in January, for details about membership renewal and upcoming Society activities.

The Epping Historical Society Board recently completed a project to solidify the Society's status as a non-profit organization. Board members also completed several in-house maintenance projects, including the removal of a metal desk that occupied a great deal of floor space. Work continues on many other Society initiatives.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Society in the past year. Please visit us on Mondays from 9:00-12:00 at our 11 Water Street building.



## Ledd Center

The 2012 season at the Leddy Center begins with the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, from March 23rd through April 1<sup>st</sup>. "Fiddler on the Roof" will be on stage July 6th through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mary Gatchell will return with her amazing band from NYC for "Mary Gatchell in Concert" on October 15<sup>th</sup>. "The Wizard of Oz," L. Frank Baum's masterpiece for the whole family, will follow from October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2012 season will conclude with the Christmas musicals, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and "Gift of the Magi," from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are \$18 and \$16, depending on seating. Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call Leddy Center at 603 679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at [www.leddycenter.org](http://www.leddycenter.org).



## ETV Schedule

Channel 22 - ETV - Schedule - live programs

Monday – Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 6 & 20

Selectmen - 7 pm

Tuesday – Jan. 3 - Water and Sewer - 7 pm

Tuesday – Jan. 31, Feb. 28 - Fire Wards - 7 pm

Wednesday – Jan. 4, Feb. 1 - Recreation - 7 pm

Thursday – Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2 & 16 - School Board – 7 pm

Thursday – Jan. 12, Feb. 7 - Planning Board - 6 pm

Friday – Jan. 20, Feb. 17 – Civil War Round Table - 7:15 pm

Budget Public Hearing – Saturday – Jan. 14 – 9 am

Town Deliberative Session – Tues., Feb. 7 – 7 pm

School Deliberative Session – Thurs, Feb. 9 – 7 pm

Monday Meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

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Wednesday - 11 am

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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 by going to <http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

**NEW** also available is "live" video streaming. You can watch the meetings from anywhere as they are broadcast live by going to: [http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live\\_etv22.html](http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html).

## Gregory Dodge, Town Administrator

Longtime Police Chief Gregory Dodge has accepted the position of Epping Town Administrator. He's been filling the position on an interim basis since September 1<sup>st</sup> after Dean Shankle resigned in August. He will become full-time Administrator on January 1<sup>st</sup>. A 1975 graduate of Epping High School, Dodge has worked for the Epping Police Department for many years, starting as a part-time officer in 1979 and becoming Police Chief in 1981. He has retired from the police force, but will keep his hand in law enforcement as a special deputy sheriff. He is also Chairman of the Epping School Board and will step down from that position, although he will fill out his term on the Board.

## Michael Wallace, Police Chief

Police Lieutenant Michael Wallace has been named Epping's new Police Chief. He has been serving as interim Police Chief since Chief Gregory Dodge resigned to accept the position of Epping Town Administrator.

Wallace, 44, was raised in Brockton, Mass, and moved to Hampton as a child. He attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover and immediately upon graduation, enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. He became a part-time police officer in Stratham in 1987, then joined the Epping Police full-time in 1988 and stayed for 23 years.

Wallace is married with three sons, 19, 13 and 12. In his spare time, he coaches youth football with the Exeter Seahawks.

A formal reception for Wallace will be held Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

## News From the Town Hall

There were no entries received for the Photo/Art Contest for the Town Report which is disappointing.

Some important dates for coming Town events:  
Jan 10 - Last Day for Petition Warrant Articles  
Jan 10 - Presidential Primary - 8 am to 7pm, Middle School Gym  
Jan 14 - Budget Public Hearing - 9 am, Town Hall  
Jan 25 to Feb 3 - Filing Period for Town Offices  
Feb 7 - Town Deliberative Session - 7 pm  
Feb 9 - School Deliberative Session - 7 pm  
Feb 20 - Town Hall Closed  
March 13 - Town Elections - 8 am to 7 pm

## American Legion News

**Monthly Breakfast Buffet!** Monthly breakfasts will be held **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Come enjoy a hot Breakfast Buffet! Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, French Toast Sticks, Coffee, Potatoes all piping hot and ready to be enjoyed. Bring your newspaper and your appetite!

The Buffet is \$6.00 a plate and worth every penny!



## Scouting Around Epping

### Cub Scout Pack 136

#### Past Events:

Scouting For Food: A big thank you to the boys for collecting food and a huge thank you to the Epping Community for supporting such a wonderful cause and helping needy families all over the seacoast!

Bowling Family night: Thank you to Exeter Bowling Lanes and Andrea Meyer for making Family Bowling night fun and successful!

#### January Events

January Pack Meeting at the EMS café on Wednesday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm

Monarchs Scout night: Pack 136 will be attending a Monarchs game on Saturday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**. A great family night of fun!

#### February Events

Blue and Gold Banquet: Our theme this year is celebrating local heroes.

Our Webelos will be presented with the Arrow of Light, the most coveted Cub Scout award before transitioning to Boy Scouts. Our celebration will be held on Friday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Epping Elementary School

February Pack Meeting: Wednesday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm at the EMS Café

#### Other ways to help the Scouts: Empties4cash fundraising program:

We are collecting unwanted or used inkjet cartridges. We will have collection sites at the Library, the Town Hall and possibly the Community Church. If you have unwanted inkjet cartridges at home that you can donate to the Scouts, please contact Andrea Meyer via email at [ameyer71@gmail.com](mailto:ameyer71@gmail.com)

#### Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups: 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Wolf; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Bears; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos.

The Pack consists of Dens and their families. Pack 136 meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School. Pack meetings are filled with fun and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

**Come join us at one of our upcoming Pack meetings. If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our Cubmaster Craig Clough at [cclough154@comcast.net](mailto:cclough154@comcast.net) or 734-2124.**

**Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack <http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=199059685109&fbf=r6c4d2187&refid=46> or for more Pack information, please check out our website: <http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>**

### **Boy Scout Troop 136**

The Troop was very active over the past three months, completing a season of fundraising, community service, Scouting for Food, high adventure hiking, Eagle Scout projects, and a Court of Honor.

Troop 136 would like to thank all those in our community who supported the Scouts in their fundraising efforts this Fall. The Community Calendars were a popular item with advertisings as well as birthday well-wishers! The calendars did include an opportunity to list birthdays, anniversaries, and group gatherings this year. Look for the calendars at your local merchants and plan ahead next year to have your special dates listed.

Popcorn sales continued to be popular and the Troop was able to raise much-needed funds for future activities. Just in time for the holidays, Yankee Candle sales boomed and Scouts were able to get a head start on saving for summer camp due to the community's generosity.

In keeping with a long-standing community service effort, Troop 136 collected food in the annual Scouting for Food event in November. The Scouts were able to combine efforts with Cub Scout Pack 136 and cover many of the neighborhoods and streets in town. Much of the donated food stayed very local this year and was donated to the Epping Community Church food pantry.

The most senior Scouts set out on a high country adventure and braved the snow and cold as they hiked through the Presidential Mountain range, part of the White Mountain National Forest. The Scout motto of "Be prepared" became a life saving value as the Scouts and their leaders were hit by an unexpected snowstorm that left them

hiking for hours in whiteout conditions or darkness. It was an adventure none will soon forget!

Christian Cook was approved to begin work on his Eagle Scout project and work is nearing completion. On the grounds of the American Legion Post 51, Christian has coordinated an effort to erect a beautiful and very moving war memorial to our fallen service personnel. It will be worth stopping by to visit and plans are already underway to expand the memorial.

Sawyer Begin continues working on his Eagle Scout Project. Sawyer is planning to restore the outdoor classroom at Epping Middle/High School. He would appreciate any support the community can offer.

December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Troop held it's Court of Honor and Christmas dinner. The meal was prepared by the Scouts and served to family and friends, as well as our host, the American Legion Post 51 Vice Commander and Adjutant. Scouts were recognized for their rank advancement as Justin Bacon achieved first class Scout, Tyler Wilkins, second class Scout, A.J. Johnson, second class Scout, David Cardin, Tenderfoot and Ryan Sylvain, Tenderfoot.

This will be an exciting Scouting season. If your son is 12 to 17 years old and wishes to join Scouting in order to learn values and skills that last a lifetime, please contact Les Houston at 679-9595.



## **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains**

### **Cookies = Camp!!!**

Join now! Sell cookies and earn Cookie Dough that can be used for camp!

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program they learn:

- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Money Management
- People Skills
- Business Ethics

The Camp Pathway is a great way for girls to experience the outdoors. Camps are conveniently located with busing options and financial aid is available.

To participate or for more information contact Crystal Sexton at [csexton@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:csexton@girlscoutsgwm.org) or 603-436-1938.



## The Civil War Roundtable of NH

Hello from the CWRTNH. We will be starting again in January, 2012, having our meetings at the Epping Town Hall.

On **January 20<sup>th</sup>**, we have Dr. Rick Shubart of Phillips Exeter Academy, presenting his program "LINCOLN'S VISIT TO EXETER 1860."

On **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, our speaker will be Mr. Guntis Goncarous (Author/Historian), presenting his program "HUNLEY" (this was the Confederate Navy's submarine).

On **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, our speaker will be Mr. Dave Nelson, presenting his program "NH FLAG PRESERVATION" (battle flags from NH Regiments in the Civil War).

All three programs are on the third Friday of the month at the Epping Town Hall in the main floor meeting room. Meetings start at 7:15 pm and are televised live on Epping channel 22. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

### 2012 Meeting Schedule

January 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 17<sup>th</sup>  
March 16<sup>th</sup>  
April 13<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)  
May 18<sup>th</sup>  
June 15<sup>th</sup>

Feel free to log onto our website <http://www.cwrt-nh.org> to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH. If you choose TO JOIN, great! - We like to increase our membership and all are welcome to be part of our group. Thank you for your interest in advance.

*Submitted by Dan Bennis*



## Explorer Post 716 and the Epping Fire Department

We have a certified infant seat installation instructor. Call 679-5546 and make an appointment to have your infant seat installation inspected.

The winter heating season is upon us. Please be sure your chimney has been cleaned before using a wood stove and it is always a good idea to have your furnace cleaned and checked by a certified service technician.

### Explorer Post 716

The Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716 is accepting new members. The group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The Explorers, young men and women ages 14 to 20, 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, 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 leave a message for him at 679-5446.

### Police Explorer Post 714

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

## 4-H Members Help Give Seniors a Happy Holiday

After seeing a news article requesting holiday donations for homebound senior citizens, 4-H members Morgan King and Colleen McCormack, both of Epping, decided to put their sewing skills to good use and make walker caddies. After sewing for many hours, they completed 26 walker bags to donate to Rockingham Meals on Wheels. The girls hope to make this sewing project an annual event. For more information on 4-H clubs and programs in Rockingham County, please call 679-5616 or visit [www.bit.ly/RockCty4H](http://www.bit.ly/RockCty4H).



## Epping Community Church

Epping Community Church is always pleased to welcome visitors. Visiting a church where you have never attended, or where it may have been years since you last visited, can be an intimidating experience. Particularly it can be intimidating when the word "religion" is attached. What will you find if you choose to visit us on any given Sunday morning?

You will find a warm and welcoming group of people who are pleased to have you present.

You will not be pressured or forced in any way to join, commit, or put your name on the dotted line regarding joining our church membership. We always welcome new members, but want individuals to join when they feel God leading them to be part of the spiritual life of our church.

Worship is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The service will last from one hour to an hour and fifteen minutes.

Across the course of each month you will hear a variety of music. Epping Community Church is blessed with a wonderful choir, bell choir and Praise Band. Music will vary from traditional and classic choral to contemporary praise, blues, jazz and country gospel.

The pastor's sermons are generally didactic and include dialogue. You are invited to encounter the Good News of the Gospel in a contemporary and faithful context to the Word of God.

We observe communion (the Lord's Supper) on the first Sunday morning of each month. All followers of Christ are welcomed to the table.

Support of the church comes through voluntary contributions of those who attend our church.

We exist for one reason, to serve God. Our food pantry, coats of caring closet, and other programs are present not because of works, but because fruit is borne out of right relationship with God in Christ.

There is opportunity to gather in the fellowship hall following worship if you wish to mingle, get to know a few people better and enjoy a beverage and light snack.

There is a modified non-traditional Sunday School for children—classroom without walls and bible teaching unconfined. We teach a positive message of Good News to our children. We want them to know and learn early in life how to grow spiritually in the love of God as witnessed in the life of Christ. The fall session of Sunday School began in mid-September.

You are always welcome to Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and to participate in our Thursday morning prayer group at 10:00 am.

We have Thursday Soup of the Day Café on Thursdays from 11:00 – 12:30 pm. A wonderful opportunity presents itself around a tasty luncheon on Thursdays. September through June there are generally two types of homemade soups available, salad, crackers, dessert and a beverage and plenty of fellowship around the table. During July and August when things are much warmer the ladies fix a variety of salads for lunch.

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am and is located at

the Community Church on the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets. Serving family and individuals who find themselves in difficult circumstances, a variety of food items (perishable and non-perishable) are made available. Because there is such great need, we are joined in the effort by St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Wal-Mart, Starbucks, Hannaford's, students and teachers of the Epping School system, the Boy Scouts, the U.S. Postal Service and an entire group of very dedicated individuals within our church and from the community. Suggested items for donation to the Food Pantry are: Cereal, Soup, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Canned Veggies, Crackers, Juice, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Dish Liquid, Laundry Soap.

We generally hold a "Third Saturday Dinner" the third Saturday of each month. There will be dinners held on Saturday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>** and Saturday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** and serving will be from 5 to 7 pm for \$8.00, under 12 for \$4.00. Our very popular Roast Turkey Dinner will be served. Included on the menu will be mashed potatoes, butternut squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, cornbread and butter, homemade pies & beverage. You don't need a reservation and all funds raised go toward our Building Program. Thank you for your patronage.

Friday Night Pizza night is open from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A fundraiser for the building program, Friday Night Pizza offers a large pizza with the toppings of your desire for \$8.00. You can eat it in or take it home. Calling ahead(679-5542) will allow you to pick up your pizza hot and ready for eating. The pizza dough is our own recipe and each pizza is hand tossed for your eating pleasure.

For more information about our church or church programs please call 679-5542, leave your name, contact number and a brief description of your interest. We will return a call as soon as possible.

**Words from the Pastor of Epping Community Church, Rev. Dr. Wayne VanGundy**

We make many promises and resolutions across the years of our lives. Particularly is this a tradition when we think of New Year's Eve and the year to come. As pastor of a wonderful congregation and privileged to serve our community, I wish to encourage each reader to look again at those things we have promised that involve caring, compassion, love, acceptance, forgiveness, healing, encouragement, and those vows of relationships that should be relied upon until "death do us part."

Blessings, Joy, and Peace!



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone 603 679-8805

February 7<sup>th</sup> - Knights of Columbus Blood Drive  
2:00 to 7:00 pm.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday Masses at 7:00  
am and 7:00 pm.

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

## Epping Bible Baptist Church

We are a Bible-based church located at 243  
Pleasant Street.

We have Sunday School for all ages from 9:30 -  
10:30 am.

Morning worship Service begins at 10:45 am.

We also have an informal evening service from  
6:00 - 7:00 pm.

We offer a 3-year College Bible Course that  
takes place on **Monday** nights at the church  
beginning at 6:30 pm. You can find out more  
information about this amazing Bible Institute at  
[www.faithbibleinstitute.com](http://www.faithbibleinstitute.com)

**Wednesday** nights we have prayer meeting at  
the parsonage that starts at 7:00 pm.

**Thursday** nights we offer a small group  
gathering for young adults located at The Porch  
(the old Leddy Center on Main Street) starting at  
6:00 pm.

**Friday** night would be a great date night for you  
parents of kids ages 3 to grade 6. We offer a  
program called AWANA starting at 7:00 pm at the  
church. This program includes age-appropriate  
games, Bible memorization and a Bible story time  
promoting positive behavior. It ends at 8:30 pm.

Our Food Pantry is open every second and third  
**Friday** of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

**Saturdays** we hold a teen youth group at The  
Porch for grades 6-12 starting at 7:00 pm.

Our goal is to serve our community and  
surrounding communities in any way we can by  
showing the love of Christ. Please feel free to  
contact us at any time if we can be of assistance to  
you: [pastorron@eppingbible.org](mailto:pastorron@eppingbible.org)

We have all our services online for your viewing.  
[www.eppingbible.org](http://www.eppingbible.org). Also, our Sunday morning  
services are aired on ETV – channel 22.



## Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library

151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to  
Town Hall

(603) 679-5944 Fax (603) 679-5884

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

Happy 2012 to all from the trustees and staff of  
HMML: Director, Bradley Green, Children's  
Librarian, "Miss Tracie" Wilkins, Assistant in charge  
of ILLs, Debbie Allen, Evening Assistant, Debbie  
Grimes, Children's Room Assistant, Morgan King  
and Substitute and Children's Room Assistant,  
Angela Harrington. We recently added a second  
substitute to our ranks, Mary-Jo Hinkle, who lives in  
Epping and has been both a loyal library patron and  
a very active member of the Epping Garden Club in  
recent years. Welcome to the staff, Mary-Jo!

Has anyone noticed how full the library shelves  
are? Did you realize that Bradley discards a book  
for almost every new title added to the adult  
collection? The library that began with 109 volumes  
in Dr. Buswell's home in 1892 has now outgrown  
the building that Dudley Harvey and Dr. Abram  
Mitchell made possible in 1964. The current Board  
of Trustees is looking toward the future, forming a  
planning committee to renovate and expand our  
well-loved library building. Interested adult Epping  
residents who can commit to this project for  
approximately three years should contact  
Director Bradley Green at 679-5944 or  
[harvmitch@gmail.com](mailto:harvmitch@gmail.com) We need your help to keep  
up with Epping's growth and thirst for all our library  
can offer.

**Coming Up in January and February:**

**For Adults:**

**Eclectic Book Group:** Meets first Wednesday of  
each month at 7:00 pm. Discussion focuses on a  
wide variety of books. New members are always  
welcome

**Dusty Old Mystery Book Group:** Meets on the  
third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm,  
focusing on reading (or re-reading) the classic  
mystery stories.

**NEW: Epping Knit Night** - second and fourth  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm downstairs

Comfy work space, free internet and the  
fellowship of other knitters – what more could you  
want? Bring your own yarn and needles. First  
meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information  
please contact knitting group coordinator, Marjorie

Pim at [marjpim@yahoo.com](mailto:marjpim@yahoo.com)

### **"Covered Bridges of New Hampshire"- Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Glenn Knoblock of Wolfeboro Falls will guide us through bridge design and technology, folklore and images of these architectural treasures. This program is made possible with a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

#### **Programs for Children:**

**Preschool Story Hour:** Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, this drop-in program meets three times each week, providing free play time, songs, stories and crafts for kids and their caregivers. Wed. at 10:30, Thurs. at 10:30 and 1:30. Monthly schedules are available on our website and in the children's room.

#### **New Program! Reading Friends Book Club**

A new afternoon book club for elementary students is starting this month. New readers always need opportunities to practice reading aloud to their peers. We want to provide such an opportunity for first and second graders in the comfortable and low stress setting of the library. Led by Children's Room Assistant, "Miss Angela" this group will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 for 6 weeks beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required as the group size will be limited to eight. Snacks will be provided, and a parent or guardian will need to remain in the building during the program. Call 679-5944 to register.

**Pajama Night:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday most months at 6:30 pm. Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun community event for kids ages 2-8 and their families. Crafts, stories and library-wide scavenger hunt alternate with PJ Movie Nights approximately every other month.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** - Gingerbread Friends – crafts, stories, scavenger hunt

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** - Movie: "Treasure Buddies" (rated G)

#### **Story Explorers:**

This after school program for children in kindergarten, first and second grades meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30. Our Fall session was an author study of award-winning New Hampshire author Tomie dePaola. The winter session will begin January 31<sup>st</sup> and run for 10 weeks while we select a favorite story and transform it into a stage production to be performed at Pajama Night on April 13<sup>th</sup>. \* **WINTER SESSION FULL AT PRINT TIME.** \* The spring session begins May 1<sup>st</sup> and will take us outside to explore the science, art and nature found in so many stories.

**Civil War Short Film "Charging Lead" – Friday,**

### **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Epping Middle School student and aspiring filmmaker Tyler Wilkins last premiered a movie here in 2008 when he shared his film "The Curse of the Krakken." His interest has turned from pirates to American history and his latest project is a 10-minute film about the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, shot in the Harvey fields with EMS students. This premiere gives his actors as well as the public the opportunity to see their work on the big screen, talk about the process and the history of the battle, and handle costumes and props used in the film.

#### **School Vacation Week Movie Series:**

At 1:00 each afternoon during February vacation week (Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>), we will show a children's movie on the big screen. Look for movie schedules in the children's room or on our website to be finalized in early February. If you have a recommendation or request, please let Miss Tracie know.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Friday 10 am to 8 pm and Saturdays 10 to 2 pm.

### **Friends of the Library**

The Friends meet once a month during the school year at 7:00 pm. Note that our meetings are now on the second **Tuesday** of the month in an attempt to accommodate more of our members' schedules. The Friends provide wonderful "extras" for the library beyond what the town budget allows. If you are looking for a way to help the library, now is a great time to join this vibrant group.

Our Holiday Raffle this year was a success. Thank you to all who supported our efforts. We changed it up a bit this year to include fewer items in primarily a raffle, rather than a Silent Auction format. Ten raffle items and one Silent Auction item were on display from December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Winners were drawn and informed at library closing time on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Friends have also recently begun supplying the Book Page to your local library. Fifty copies will be available at the front desk each month, courtesy of your Friends of the Library. Please let us know if you enjoy them!

Remember, the Friends also host an on-going Food Pantry Donation Box in support of Epping's Food Pantry, which has seen increasing use in recent months. Non-perishable items are always welcome to help neighbors who may be struggling to make ends meet. The box is located near the front door on the main level of the library.

*Submitted by Debbie Moulton*

## The Porch

The Porch is a nondenominational, not-for-profit, family oriented organization. We provide a safe place for kids to go after school and use computers, do their homework, play pool, watch TV or just hang out.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm for anyone in Grades 6 - 12.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are for Grades 1 - 5. Hours are 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Transportation will be provided from the Elementary School to The Porch. Please e-mail [eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com](mailto:eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com) to request a form allowing your child to be picked up.

Everything at The Porch is free of charge. We provide snacks and drinks every day.

We also offer different services to the community, including after school tutoring and counseling for all ages. Please feel free to e-mail about any of our services. We are here to serve you!

## Epping Recreation Department News

*Home of the "River Otters" and "Avenue A."*

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

17 Academy Street

Phone: 679-3301 Fax: 679-3006

[rec@townofepping.com](mailto:rec@townofepping.com)

[eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org](http://eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org)

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Recreation Department aims to provide the residents of Epping with a broad selection of recreational, educational, and cultural leisure opportunities that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. We are always working to establish new programs and facilities that meet the community's changing needs

### Weekend Preschool Sports

Interested in Afternoon or Weekend Preschool Sports? Please send us an e-mail at

[eppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or call us! If we get enough interest, we may add a class!

Have a Program you would like to see us offer? Please contact us and let us know!

### 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 Thursday and Sunday nights!

Days / Times: Thurs - 7:30-9:00 pm

Sun - 7:00-9:00 pm

(No programs Dec. 25, Jan. 1)

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

Cost: \$30 for 10 nights - Please make check out to the "Town of Epping."

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. We will have a sign in sheet, to keep track of days used. Once you have used your 10 nights, please bring in your next payment of \$30 for 10 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.

We will have waiver forms available at the gym.

### Guitar Lessons at Watson Academy

For children, teens, and adults alike, taking guitar lessons at Epping Recreation is an enjoyable, affordable, and rewarding experience. Taught by a highly recommended music instructor Joseph K. Murphy, lessons are designed to challenge and educate students while personalizing the curriculum to their musical tastes and needs.

Lessons are for Ages 8 – Adult.

Rates: \$20.00 for ½ hour or \$35.00 for 1 hour.

Contact: Joseph K. Murphy 608-8672

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

<http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/>

### Ceramics Classes

We are able to offer Ceramics classes on Friday afternoons for a minimal fee. This program is open to Middle and High School Students, but may also be available to Adults if there is an interest! Please Contact us if you are interested!

### Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and EES (offered by Derry ATA)

#### Karate Classes

Grades K-8, Tuesdays and Thursdays at EES, 3:30-4:15 pm, \$65 per month

\*SPECIAL: New students who sign up will receive TWO FREE WEEKS!

#### **\*All beginners receive a FREE uniform!**

For more information or to sign your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 603-434-9444 or e-mail at [derryata@aol.com](mailto:derryata@aol.com)

### Zumba

The popular dance aerobics class has come to the Epping Recreation Department! We are pleased to announce our New Zumba Instructor, Cassandra Mullen!

We will be offering Classes, Starting Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 pm, Epping Middle School Café.

Cost: \$35 for 6 week session or \$7 Drop-In

(Due to borrowed school space for this program, the program will not be offered Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> due to a school event in the Cafe.)

### Friends of Epping Recreation Department

This group was originally formed to establish a



town park in Epping. Although that is still the group's ultimate goal, they have added the task of improving current town owned recreation facilities that are not covered by tax dollars, as well as offering community special events, some as fundraisers and some just for fun! They work under the Town's Recreation Department as a volunteer group to make a huge difference in our town. If you would like more information about this wonderful group and how you can get involved, please contact [epppingrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:epppingrecreation@gmail.com)!

# Families First

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

Thanks to a grant from the Walmart Distribution Center in Raymond, Families First Health and Support Center will expand its programming in Epping this winter. The new program will be a multi-week parenting class focusing on positive discipline. To know when the program is scheduled, subscribe to the Programs and News e-newsletter at [www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/enewsletter.html](http://www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/enewsletter.html) or call 422-8208, ext. 123.

In addition, Families First will continue offering Family Morning Out every Thursday from 9:30 to 11 am at the Epping Recreation Center. Family Morning Out is open to all families with children ages 0 to 6. The program begins with activities for children and parents together. Afterward, parents and children are separated and enjoy time with their peers. There is no charge to attend, but advance signup is required: Call Families First at 422-8208, ext. 2.

Epping residents also are welcome to take advantage of the many parenting and family programs, as well as affordable medical and dental care, offered at Families First's facility at the Community Campus in Portsmouth. For more information about the community health center, visit [www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org](http://www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org) or call 422-8208.

In addition to Wal-Mart, supporters of these programs include the state of New Hampshire and the Fuller Foundation.



## Epping School District News

This school year we have a similar school

calendar to last year. There will be no early release days and professional development training days for staff members have been scheduled on days prior to holiday weekends. Visit [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) for the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

### **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 and Minutes. Epping Television is also streaming meetings that can be watched on your computer at <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>

January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Epping Elementary School (EES)**

### **January 2 Classes resume**

**I Love to Read Month** begins. Students read a variety of books over January and February and earn tickets to use at the Jamboree.

**January 2 PTO meeting** 7:00 pm in the EES art room. Free babysitting in the Library

### **January 8 "SCRAPPIN" THE DAY AWAY**

Join Creative Memories consultant Becky Ball and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team, "Ladies Lovin' Life" from 9 am to 5 pm in the Epping Elementary School Gym

**\$25 PER PERSON, LUNCH INCLUDED**

To register or for questions on the event, contact:

Team Captain – Debbie Deary at

[deary3isd@hotmail.com](mailto:deary3isd@hotmail.com) or call 603-793-2887

Proceeds Go To The American Cancer Society!

### **January 13 NO SCHOOL/ Teacher Professional Development Day**

### **January 16 NO SCHOOL/ Martin Luther King,**

### **Jr. Civil rights Day**

**February 2 PTO Ice Cream Social** in the EES multi-purpose room 6 to 8 pm

**February 6 PTO meeting** 7:00 pm in the EES art room. Free babysitting in the Library

### **February 8 Kickoff assemblies for Artist in**

**Residence Huey**, filmmaker, video artist and animator.

### **February 13 –April 4 Residency days with Huey**

### **February 20 NO SCHOOL/ Teacher Professional Development Day**

**February 24 I Love to Read Jamboree** Students celebrate the end of I Love to Read month with games, face painting, music and light snack sponsored by the Epping Elementary PTO.

*Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay*

## Epping Middle School (EMS)

Keeping parents informed – Epping Middle School parents can now sign in to this video <http://www.youtube.com/user/sau14epping?feature=mhee#p/a/u/0/VxYriA5bLQA> to learn how to activate the e-mail system to stay informed about their student's progress. This is a district wide endeavor so that when the teachers update their grade book you will be able to be informed by e-mail either daily, weekly or monthly. If you have any questions after watching this video, please contact the main office. You can also see this link on our homepage under Automatic Grade Reports

Epping Middle School held the "Pride Celebration" for the Middle School Guiding Principles recently. **Guiding Principle #3 is "Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments."** Those receiving certificates include: Kayla Wells from the Daredevils (Luongo) Team; Catriona Poulin from the Achilles (McGeough) Team; Todd Bonner from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) Team; Brittany Sicard from the Captain America (8<sup>th</sup> grade) Team; Carson Lustenberger from the Unified Arts Team.

**Guiding Principle #4 is: "Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the school, and yourself."** Those receiving certificates include: Brian Sylvain from the Daredevils (Luongo) Team; Aletha DeMarais from the Achilles (McGeough) Team; Nikolis Kozler from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (7<sup>th</sup> grade) Team; John Boomhower; from the Captain America (8<sup>th</sup> grade) Team; and Brenna Osgood from the Unified Arts Team.

**Guiding Principle #5 is "Be truthful; communicate honestly."** Those receiving certificates include: Jake Barnes from the Daredevils Team; Jordan Place from the Achilles Team; Nicole Dollard from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team; Robert Walsh from the Captain America Team; and Madeline Marchisio from the Unified Arts Team.

**Guiding Principle #6 is "Be respectful and accountable for your choices."** Those receiving certificates include: Emmy Waning from the Daredevils Team; Krystal West from the Achilles Team; Jacob McKay from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Team; Robert Walsh from the Captain America Team; and Lance Murray from the Unified Arts Team. Congratulations to all – you make us proud!

**Nice Moves** were also recognized at the Pride Celebration for those students who did "Nice

Moves" for classmates, teachers or staff. Students are given tickets when they are observed doing something special and names are randomly drawn from those tickets. Those students receiving free snack or free ice cream tickets include: Lucas Albro, Katelyn Campana, Nathan Head, Parker Holt, Damien LoPresti, Caitlin McCormack, Ryan McCullen, Ryan O'Hare, Paige Perdue and Tryphena Porter. Congratulations for jobs well done!

Also at the Pride Assembly the following students received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to **UNICEF**: Nick Arsenault, Justin Bacon, Chloe Pelletier, Hanna Chomas, Ryen Gallagher, Paige George, Olivia Goodrich, Katie Pelletier, Ashley Krenzer, Ashley MacLeod, Deanna McCullen, Breana Munroe, Noelle Nee, Cameron Osgood, Matt Pefine, Sabrina Portes, Hunter Quist, Sabrina Rivers, Sage Szczechowicz, Alexa Wells and Colby Wilson. Thanks for taking your own time to help others.

Epping Middle School's Eighth Grade Students sold turkey raffle tickets as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C. trip in May. Over \$4,000 was raised to help defray the cost of the trip. Five complete turkey dinners were raffled off with Karen LeDuc, Rick Cantu, George Kimball, Kim Henderson and Janice Murray winning the dinners. Thank you all for your generous contributions to this wonderful fundraiser.

Also at the Pride Assembly Katie Pelletier was given a certificate in recognition of her valuable contributions to Friends Helping Friends. Chloe Pelletier and Hanna Chomas were also given certificates for winning the Foster's Daily Democrat Holiday Writing Contest. Wonderful job!

The Pride Team from Epping Schools walked for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in late October and they raised over \$2,000 for this great charity. Thanks to all those that participated.

A challenge was put out to all three grades to see which grade could bring in the most canned goods for the Epping Food Pantry. 8<sup>th</sup> grade had over 500 items; 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades only had a little over 100 items each. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, just before Thanksgiving over 800 items were donated to the Epping Food Pantry. A special thank you to all those that gave for this wonderful cause.

**Fisher Cats Challenge** – The New Hampshire Fisher Cats were at our Pride Assembly. The Fisher Cats put out a challenge to all of our students to read five (5) grade level books from now until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Those students completing

the challenge will receive 2 free tickets to a Fisher Cats game in the spring. Mrs. Thompson will pick a specific date and we will all go and sit together at the game. Happy reading!

## Epping High School (EHS) National Honor Society News

The Epping Chapter of the National Honor Society (N.H.S.) held its annual Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Epping's N.H.S. president Lisa Demaine led the ceremony by inviting four senior members to introduce the pillars for induction. Vice-President Sara Sturzo spoke about what it takes to maintain scholarship, Treasurer Alex Osgood talked about the importance of helping others in service, Secretary Stephanie Foster shared the benefits of being a leader, and Lauren Haley articulated the value of good character. Joining the ceremony as guest speaker was Ms Elise Annunziata, who shared her leadership and vast service experiences with the Peace Corps, the Partnership of Global Learning to Benefit the Environment, and the Women's Global Education Project, which is a Founding Board Member.

Current members lit the candles of the new candidates and shared in the N.H.S. pledge to welcome them into this prestigious organization. In order to become an N.H.S. member students must exhibit leadership, community service, be of quality character with at least a 3.0 grade point average.



This ceremony inducted four new members into the Epping National Honor Society and they are sophomores, Brittney Bullock and Jillian Venuti, along with seniors, Paul Holmes and Briana Williams.

In further news: "Congratulations to junior Morgan King and sophomore Austin Pratt for being selected for the 2012 All State Music Festival Choir! Students auditioned at Manchester Memorial High School on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> before a panel of judges who tested their knowledge of a memorized Italian aria, 4-part chorale, and vocal sight reading. Both students will take part in the combined Festival Choir, culminating in a performance at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Morgan and A.J.!"

## Email Address Changed?

If your email address has changed, please notify us through our website at: [www.SpeakUpEpping.org](http://www.SpeakUpEpping.org)

## Newsletter Schedule

Have we missed your group or event? Please let us know. Our purpose is to include as many Epping groups and events as possible.

The next issue (**March-April**) of this newsletter will be available **March 1, 2012**. We will accept **submissions through February 24, 2012**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content early because of the holidays, including contact information, for consideration through our website at: [www.SpeakUpEpping.org](http://www.SpeakUpEpping.org) or to [bhelmstetter@comcast.net](mailto:bhelmstetter@comcast.net)

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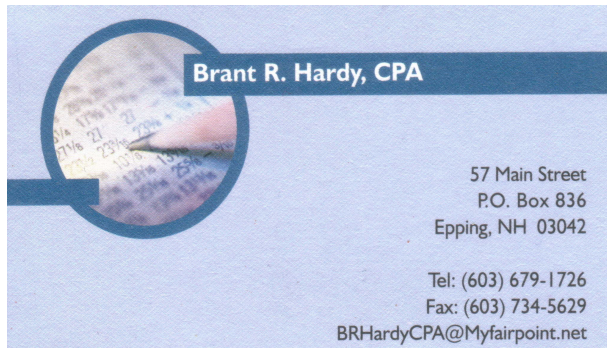
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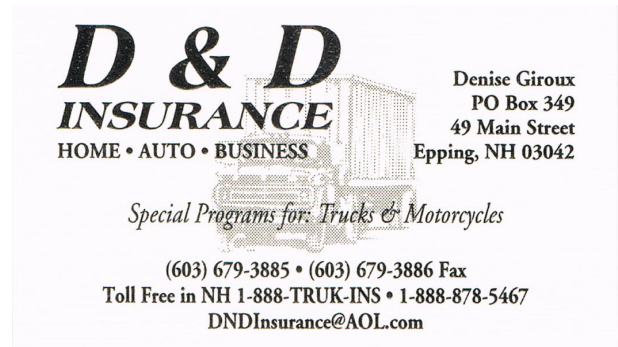




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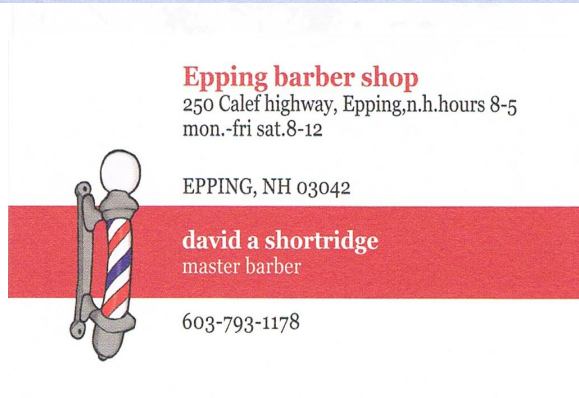
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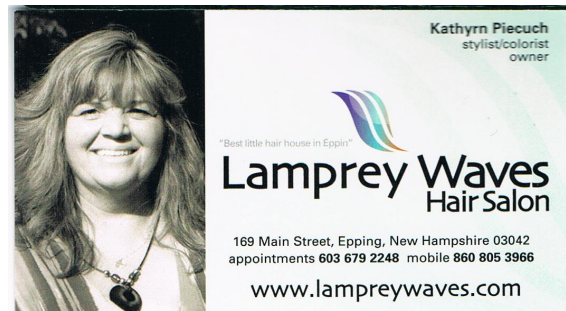


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## Epping Calendar of Events for January 2012

Date	Event
<b>Dec. 23 – Jan. 1</b>	<b>HOLIDAY RECESS NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>January 2</b>	<b>Students Back to School</b>
January 2	EES PTO Meeting -7 pm in the EES Art Room
January 4	Eclectic Book Group at the Library -7 pm
January 5	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 5	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
January 7	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 8	“Scrappin” the Day Away - 9am-5pm in EES Gym \$25/person
January 8	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast - 9:00 to 11:30 am
January 10	Friends of the Library at - 7 pm
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Presidential Primary - 8 am to 7 pm in Middle School Gym</b>
January 10	Last day for Petition Warrant Articles
January 11	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
January 11	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
January 12	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 13	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 to 2:30 pm
January 20	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in the Town Hall
<b>January 13</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
January 14	Budget Public Hearing - 9 am in the Town Hall
January 14	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 14	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 Gingerbread Friends
January 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
<b>January 16</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day</b>
January 18	Dusty Ol’ Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library
January 18	Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm in EMS Cafe
January 19	Epping Seniors meeting at Watson Academy - 1 pm
January 19	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 19	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
January 20	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 to 2:30 pm
January 20	Civil War Short Film “Charging Lead”- 6:30 pm at the Library
January 21	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 21	Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 to 7 pm
January 24	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm
January 25	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
January 26	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 28	Cub Scout Night at the Monarchs game
January 28	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
January 25-Feb 3	Filing Period for Town Offices



## Epping Calendar of Events for February 2012

Date	Event
Jan. 25 – Feb. 3	Filing Period for Town Offices
February 1	Eclectic Book Group at the Library - 7 pm
February 2	EES PTO Ice Cream Social- 6-8 pm in EES multipurpose room
February 2	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 2	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
February 4	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 6	EES PTO Meeting - 7 pm in the EES Art Room
February 7	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - 3:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church
February 7	Town Deliberative Session - 7 pm
February 8	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
February 8	Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy
February 8	EES Assemblies to kickoff Artist in Residence Program
February 9	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 9	School Deliberative Session - 7 pm
February 10	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 to 2:30 pm
February 10	Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 “Treasure Buddies” (G)
February 11	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 12	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast = 9:00 to 11:30 am
Feb. 13- Apr. 4	EES Artist in Residence Program - Huey
February 14	Friends of the Library - 7 pm
February 15	Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm in EMS Cafe
February 15	Dusty Ol’ Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library
February 16	Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
February 16	Epping Seniors meeting at Watson Academy - 1 pm
February 16	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 17	Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet - 6:30 pm at the EES
February 17	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 to 2:30 pm
February 17	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Town Hall
February 18	Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 to 7 pm
February 18	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 20	Town Hall Closed
February 20	Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm
<b>February 20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
February 22	Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm
February 23	“Covered Bridges of NH” by Glenn Knoblock - 7 pm at the Library
February 23	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am
February 24	EES I Love to Read Jamboree
<b>February 24</b>	<b>DEADLINE DATE for the March-April issue of the Newsletter</b>
February 28	Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm at The Milk Room at Harvey Hill Farm
<b>Feb. 27-Mar. 2</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation</b>
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Vacation Movie Week at the Library - 1:00 pm
February 25	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 to 11 am

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at [speakupepping@gmail.com](mailto:speakupepping@gmail.com) by **February 24, 2012**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.