



Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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About this Newsletter

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Check out our **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline. You can connect with us and with other local friends, services, businesses and organizations.

Remember to Vote on March 11th

Remember to vote on March 11th. Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Middle School Gym.

The following candidates have registered for Town and School offices:

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 years

Vote for 3

Michael King

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1 year

Vote for not more than 2

Adam Mungia

Heather Clark

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Jerry Langdon

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Terry-Leigh Hinkle

Kelly Duffy

Laurie Dudley

PLANNING BOARD - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

David Reinhold

Brian Reed

Matthew R. Bell

SELECTMEN - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Karen Falcone

Matthew R. Bell.

Michael Yergeau

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Henry Deboer

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Frederick Horne

Charlie Goodspeed

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Brian Reed

Matthew R. Bell

Carrie J. Snyder

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Joyce Blanchard

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Joseph Foley

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

Robert Goodrich

East West Express Thanks Epping for a Warm Welcome!

When East West Express started serving the communities between Portsmouth, Epping and Manchester, it was projected that the majority of passengers using the service would travel between Portsmouth and Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Surprisingly, after 3 months in business, half of the total passengers using the service are traveling from Epping's convenient Park & Ride stop off of route 101 / Exit 7.

East West Express thanks this publication, *Speak Up Epping*, for helping to spread the word to launch this new route to local residents and businesses! "We are excited that the Epping scheduled stop has been so popular and is now being utilized with more people taking advantage of this affordable option," said Jamie Dowd, President.

This express service was created in response to local demand along the Route 101 corridor, so East West Express wants residents to know that this is not "our baby," it is for those who live along the corridor or visit this region for business and pleasure. The future survival of the service depends directly on how many passengers use the service, so the company is depending on passengers to continue sharing the news with friends and neighbors to increase ridership.

Hourly airport service to Manchester airport is just \$9, and shuttles also sweep through the Portsmouth Transportation Center for \$10 every hour, and to downtown Manchester (Canal Street) every two hours. Commuters can travel for ½ price by purchasing a commuter pass. For more information visit www.eastwestnh.com or call 1-800-245-2525 for reservations.

Please help spread the word and "like" and "share" *East West Express* on Facebook and "follow" *EastWestNH* on Twitter. Also if you have any suggestions or feedback, please write to ewexpressnh@gmail.com.

Go East, Go West for \$10 or less!

THANK YOU EPPING!!

Submitted by Rachel Dowd Marketing Executive Assistant

Senior Moments

New news: our President, Jeanne Fitzpatrick, has moved from Epping. She WISELY mastered the gavel for ten years. We miss her very much and wish her the very best. It's certainly not a job people are standing in line for. However, our search was short. Member Sandy Dennis has

graciously accepted the job. Sandy resides at Pine and Pond Park and has a keen interest in the Club. She also has some exciting recommendations and ideas that should keep us pretty busy.

One of our goals this year is to educate ourselves to better health care. This includes attending lectures, seminars, exercise classes and workshops that are specifically for senior citizens. We know that one of the best things we can give to our kids is our good health for as long as we can.

Another goal is to link our seniors to the computer. Some "oldies" are still resisting but like my granddaughter says, "climb on board or find a life jacket" (meaning to depend on someone else to do it for you). Just think, we no longer have to ask the kids, we can simply Google it. **Next - the SMART PHONE.**

Town Administrator, Greg Dodge, was coming to our February meeting to review this year's Town Warrant articles, but Mother Nature's snowfall came instead. So we stayed home. However, we realize how important water is to our Town and agreed to help promote the Warrant article to purchase the water supply that is so badly needed.

Our trips during this cold winter season continue to be limited to movies and lunch. A sure sign of Spring for us is our annual trip soon to the Parker House for Maple Syrup and Pancakes.

A few trips that are on our "to do" list are visiting the NH Legislature in session, the Candy Factory in Laconia and a tour of the Globe Manufacturing Company who makes fire fighter apparatus. .

One day we were discussing "gripes." A few of our favorites are (1) the bottom of the milk jug that gets the fridge shelf messy, (2) the toilet paper is not only thinner but shorter, (3) that all TV stations play their commercials at the same time. (4) the sticky label that won't come off without a war and (5) the child-proof pill bottle caps are now senior citizen proof as well. There are lots more - got a few?

Proof that Epping is still a small town: when I dialed a wrong number and talked for fifteen minutes.

Our membership continues to grow. If citizens 55 and older are interested, just stop in at one of our meetings on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 1:00 pm. Remember, we are now meeting at the Fire Department meeting room.

HAPPY EASTER!!

Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary

News From the Town

March 11 – Town Election. Remember to vote! Town reports will be passed out at the polls, will be available at the Town Hall and are on the Town website. The Town has a Facebook page for up-to-date news to “LIKE.”

March 26 – Meeting of Epping’s 275th Birthday Bash Committee at 7 pm. People and ideas are needed and all are welcome. The Epping Birthday Bash has a Facebook page to “LIKE.”

April 26 – Lamprey River Canoe Race

Latest News from Brickyard Square

A Mexican restaurant is coming soon to Brickyard Square! Tortilla Flat is planning on opening in Spring 2014. Tortilla Flat has been located in Merrimack, NH for 35 years.

New Cumberland Farms Store Opens This Summer

In other news of new construction in Epping, Cumberland Farms broke ground at their new location in January. They are moving farther north on Route 125 to a portion of the site of the former Goodrich Brick Company. It will be a state-of-the-art convenience store and gas station with expanded food, coffee and Chili Zone offerings, four gas dispensers with eight fuel positions and expanded parking. The new store is expected to open this summer.



Epping Lions Club “We Serve”

We Want YOU to Join the Epping Lions Club

www.epping.nhlions.org

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 sponsored several Marshall’s gift cards for local families. 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 26th**. 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 and our Facebook page. Meeting times are posted, which 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!

Feel free to contact one of our officers and get more information on attending a meeting. Be sure to visit our [Facebook page](#) and keep updated on all our news and events

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Submitted by Debbie Moulton



TALES FROM EPPING’S PAST

From Boston to Epping The Cocoanut Grove Fire

In 1942, the worst building fire with the greatest loss of life in New England history occurred in Boston at the popular Cocoanut Grove nightclub. Two couples from Epping planned to go and celebrate there that night after the Thanksgiving weekend football game at Fenway Park. However, when their favorite team, Boston College, lost the game, one couple decided to just call it a day and head back to Epping instead of to the nightclub. The other couple went on to the Cocoanut Grove instead and they never returned home. Heartbroken families and our little town were left in shock.

We lost Ruth Morris, a beloved daughter from an old Epping family, and her husband, Paul Carbone. The second couple was her old friend Dorothy Dean Swanson, also from Epping, and her husband, boxing champion, Jack Sharkey. Many years later Jack tearfully described how he and Dorothy first learned of the dreadful news when they opened their newspaper the next morning.

The nightclub had been jammed with over a

thousand people. Wartime servicemen and their sweethearts, football fans, and many others were crowded into a space rated for a maximum of 460 persons. It was said the fire started in a dim downstairs lounge when a busboy lit a match to find a light socket. The flammable decorations and furniture quickly caught fire and it spread to the main level where cloth draperies and more decorations covered the exit signs. Further, the exit doors were designed to only open inward and locked to keep out gatecrashers. Almost 500 lives were lost in Boston that night. This awful event resulted in many more strictly enforced fire regulations for public buildings that protect us today.

Except for some neighbors and history fans, few folks know just where in Boston the Cocoanut Grove nightclub was located. Last November marked the 71st anniversary of the fire and the small block where the club once stood was officially named Cocoanut Grove Lane and dedicated to the memory and honor of all those whose lives were forever changed there so long ago.

This column is dedicated to the memory of Epping's lovely Ruth Morris Carbone, her husband Paul, and their families.

This is twenty-second in a series.

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

With this issue, we are seeing the beginnings of SPRING! It has been a very long winter, so spring is welcome. White is no longer my favorite color, I love green!!

The time has come for the Epping Historical Society to begin looking for the next recipient of the Boston Post Cane. The cane is presented to the Town's oldest resident. The cane was last presented in the summer of 2011. There are guidelines for anyone wishing to receive the Boston Post Cane.

1. Recipient must be an Epping resident for at least 40 years, and still live here.
2. Recipient must be willing to accept the honor.
3. If the recipient leaves town, or enters a nursing home, the cane is to be returned to the Epping Historical Society.

Applications can be found at the Epping Historical Society, Library and the Town Hall. Call 679-2944 for more information.

We have completed updating our bathroom and it is now more accessible for everyone. It is amazing what a new floor, new handicap

accessible fixtures and paint can do to spruce up a room. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising events so we could make this possible.

Do you know the history of our building? This building was the former home of the great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. James F. Brown, Sr. & James F. Brown, Jr., along with Leslie Tasker built the building in 1924 for the A&P Company. If you have been in our building, you will notice it has only a front window, and the room is long and skinny, a typical A&P store. The manager lived upstairs, as part of his salary. Alfred Cloutier was the first manager, then Albion Pendergrace, and later Oscar Dionne. Many of our older Epping residents worked there when they were kids. The A&P sold groceries, small hardware, chicken feed, and also the chickens! They also sold tobacco products. I can remember the shelf where Prince Albert was located. Brown sold the building in 1959 to Peter Moufhouse after the closing of the store. John and Minnie Warren purchased the building in 1977 for the purpose of donating it to the Epping Historical Society. The only picture we have of the building when it was the A&P is a copy of a newspaper article and it's not a very good picture. So, I am asking if anyone here in Epping has a snapshot of the old A&P, and if you are willing to let us make a copy of your picture. Not only is the building historical, but we house many historical documents detailing the History of Epping.

We are open every Monday from 8:00 to 12:00 or when the flag is flying. Please call 679-2944 for an appointment. We are available most days.

Submitted by Joy True

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Spring into Vernal Pools

Spring will soon be in the air, the water, and in the soil. It will also be in the drive of many animals and plants to continue their kind. With so much happening in spring, tracking all the activity can be difficult, but it is well worth the effort.



Vernal pool in Newmarket, NH

One cool place to explore the wonders of spring is among the many vernal pools that dot our landscape. "Vernal" comes from a Latin word for spring. These temporary pools are wet only seasonally and can disappear from view altogether by mid-summer. Some vernal pools are quite deep, but others are shallow. In the northeast, most vernal pools occur in the forest or along the flood plain of rivers.

Most wetlands are defined by the presence of wet (hydric) soils and special plants that thrive in wetlands. In contrast, vernal pools lack these soils and plants. They are defined largely by the *presence* of certain animals that breed only in these temporary pools and by the *absence* of fish.

Amphibians which breed only in vernal pools include wood frogs, spotted salamanders, blue spotted salamanders, marbled salamanders, and Jefferson salamanders. These animals use the pool for breeding, but otherwise spend most of their time in the surrounding area. The adults pair and mate shortly after ice-out, then the females lay their gelatinous egg masses in the pools, often attaching them to sticks. Another animal that breeds and lives only in vernal pools is the tiny fairy shrimp. In dry years, these animals endure by forming hard cysts among the leaf litter that will line the vernal pool in wet years.

Because vernal pools are temporary and often go unnoticed by large-scale survey methods, they are very susceptible to damage or destruction caused by human activity such as development. If they are filled or built on, they cease to be valuable habitats. Similarly, if the area around a vernal pool is developed, the adults may be lost. Endangered Blanding's turtles and threatened spotted and wood turtles rely on vernal pools as important feeding stopovers.

Another problem happens when vernal pools are separated from other vernal pools or important habitat by habitat fragmentation. Fragmentation occurs when a large area of land becomes a patchwork of houses, businesses, roads, etc., even though some smaller natural areas are still present. Protecting one isolated vernal pool and the surrounding area is helpful for a few years, but the populations of amphibians eventually become impaired by a lack of genetic diversity. Small populations cannot survive well in isolation. Protecting an area with a group of vernal pools that can remain in a natural state will bring more and greater benefits to the creatures of vernal pools and to the entire ecosystem.

Vernal pools are important to the proper functioning of our landscape and they are fascinating places to visit. A short video of a local vernal pool exploration can be found at www.lampreyriver.org under the videos tab. If you find a vernal pool, take the opportunity to look for egg masses and the critters that made them. As always, please tread lightly and handle with care, leaving no trace of your visit.

New! Lamprey River Junior Rangers Program



At important parks and historic sites, rangers help visitors appreciate and protect the resources of the site. The Lamprey River is in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, but it is not a state park or national park. It does not have paid rangers to work with the public. That's where Junior Rangers can help.

The Junior Rangers program is for children and families who want to accept the challenge and fun of learning about the river and then share what they learn with others. If people know about the Lamprey River and share their love of the river, people and animals will continue to enjoy the river well into the future.

To view the Study Guide and Activity Book, visit <http://www.lampreyriver.org/for-fun-junior-rangers>.

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee hopes to offer a similar but teacher-guided Junior Rangers after-school program this spring. Watch for updates from Epping Recreation for more details.



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 usually held the 3rd Friday of each month, except when held on the 2nd Friday per online schedule. The meeting usually includes 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 non-Profit 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)

The following is our schedule for March and April, 2014.

NOTE: login to cwrtnh.org for membership, board

members and CWRT-NH news

March 21, 2014 - Liz Hallett - join us for For members and newcomers, it's a night where we break the group into 3 teams and our hostess (Liz) and her assistant (husband Bill) offer a series of trivia questions on the Civil War, so come and have fun.

April 11, 2014 - (note special date) Wayne Motts (National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg)

Hope to see you come to our meetings in 2014 and become a member.

Stay warm!

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



Epping Garden Club

We are still looking for more people to join the [Epping Garden Club](#). We need members for many of the projects we have in the works.

Every month on the second Monday, we meet at the Epping Fire Station, from 6:15 pm till we have discussed all business, which is usually 7:00 or 8:00 pm. If you can devote an hour each month to join us at the meetings and maybe an hour a week during the growing season, we would love to have you join us. We always need people to do mass plantings and for local businesses to donate time or goods as well. Please support your local garden club that is working hard to make a difference in town. Mark your calendars, the next meeting is **Monday March 10th**.

The members will be going through the Club's past records and finding a way to preserve them for future club members, so they can look back and see all that was accomplished in our town. We are also looking for paperwork that any past members may still have in their possession. Now is the time to put it all together in a safe place. Please pass this onto prior members or let them know we are looking for ALL of the Epping Garden Club records. Call us at 300-0064 after 7:00 pm or e-mail us at eppinggardenclub@gmail.com to arrange to have them picked up.

In our effort to raise funds to bring back the beauty in our town, we will run a Fundraiser with Kume Steak House on **Tuesday, March 11th** from 3:00 pm on. If you want to help us, please call 300-0064 and request a flyer. If you present the flyer Tuesday night, 15% of your bill will come to the Epping Garden Club.

We are trying different ways to raise the funds it takes to plant all around town and to decorate for

the holidays. Kume has kindly made this offer to us. We would love to have Epping residents show their support for what we do by attending this as well as other Fundraisers we hold. Please share this with any friends who love dining out!

Thanks so much. We hope to see some new faces join us!

Submitted by Eunice Miller

March 11th Epping Garden Club Fundraiser with Kume Japanese Steak House and Sushi

Tuesday nights at Kume Steak House are Community nights when eligible non-profit organizations can team up with them and that night, each patron that hands in a Community Night flyer will be donating 15% of their bill to that non-profit. On **Tuesday night, March 11th** they are teaming up with the Epping Garden Club which is looking for funds to buy plants to beautify Epping and make it look a little nicer "One Corner at a Time."

If you plan to go to Epping Garden Club Community Night at Kume on Tuesday, March 11th, please e-mail lisa@drinkwaterprodctions.com. For more information, Please call Kume Steak House at 603-679-8882 or visit their website at www.kumesteakhouse.com.



Ledd Center

The first production of the 2014 season at the Ledd Center will be "On Golden Pond," the Tony award-winning play by NH playwright Ernest Thompson. Performances are **March 14 - 23**, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sundays and one Wednesday, March 19, at 2:00 pm.

This is a heart-warming story about revisiting the past and forging new bonds across generations. This modern classic remains an inspiring celebration of the universal challenges we all face, and the ultimate triumphs of life, love, and family. This very successful play became an Academy award-winning movie (starring Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, and Jane Fonda). It is delightfully funny and thoughtfully poignant in its treatment of Ethel and Norman Thayer's long-term relationship along with Norman's oncoming infirmity and their estrangement from their daughter Chelsea. Chelsea's soon-to-be stepson provides a catalyst that affords the family a chance to heal and grow.

"On Golden Pond" will be followed by "Guys and Dolls" from July 11 to 27, Mary Gatchell in Concert on October 3, "It's a Wonderful Life" from October 24 to November 9 and "A Christmas Carol" from December 5 to 14.

Individual tickets are \$18 and available online at www.leddycenter.org or by calling the Ledd box office at 679-2781, Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 5:00p m. Call the box office for information on our group rate!



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule – live programs

Monday – Mar. 3, 17, 31; Apr. 14, 28 – Selectmen
– 7 pm

Tuesday – Mar. 4; Apr. 1 – Water and Sewer – 7 pm

Tuesday – Mar. 18; Apr. 15 – Library Trustees
– 7 pm

Tuesday – Mar. 11; Apr. 8 – Conservation
Commission – 7 pm

Wednesday – Mar. 19; Apr. 16 – Budget Committee
– 7 pm

Wednesday – Mar. 5; Apr. 2 – Recreation
Commission
– 7 pm

Thursday – Mar. 6, 20; Apr. 23, 17 – School Board
– 7 pm

Thursday – Mar. 13; Apr. 10 – Planning Board
– 6 pm

Friday – Mar. 21; Apr. 18 – Civil War Roundtable
– 7 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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Thursday - 11 am

Monday - 3 pm

Tuesday - 2 am

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1/2 hour after meeting

Thursday - 7 am

Monday - 11 am

Tuesday - 3 pm

Wednesday - 2 am

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.

Epping Military Now Serving in Afghanistan

Justin Cook
John Cooney
Steven Moody
Daniel Musso
David Musso
Brendan O'Day
Tom Seaman
Patrick Tibbetts

More Military News:

SPC, Steven Moody, grandson of Phyllis McDonough, will be heading back to the States in January 2014, after a year's deployment in Afghanistan!

Dave Reinhold's son graduated from Army Boot Camp on December 5th.

Please let us know if we've missed anyone. We'll list them in our next issue.

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.



Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

Past Events:

Blue and Gold Banquet

It was a wild night at the Blue and Gold Banquet! We brought to light the all too real

subject of endangered species. Wildlife Encounters visited us and brought in some endangered and restricted animals like a Chinchilla, an American Alligator, a Wallaby, a Gopher Tortoise and an Eastern Indigo Snake.

A HUGE Thank you to Bat Patrol Leader, Hank McTague and Patriot Patrol Leader, Skip Raymond, Sr. for leading the Webelos 2's to get their Arrow of Light Awards. Congratulations to Peter McTague, Jack Meyer, Joshua Coolidge, Tyler Melton, Skip Raymond Jr. and Alex Wyatt. These boys worked hard to earn the coveted Arrow of Light Award. Thank you to all the committee members, Den leaders, parent volunteers and members of the community that devote their personal time to make Scouting a success!

A special Thank you to local restaurants that donated and discounted food such as: Telly's & 900 Degrees for donating delicious Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan and Garlic bread and The Epping Community Church discounted their yummy pizza. Lots of happy full bellies at the Banquet!

Upcoming Events:

March Pack meeting at the EMS café on **Wednesday, March 19th** at 6:30 pm

April Pack meeting at the EMS café on **Wednesday, April 16th** at 6:30 pm

GENTLEMEN...GET READY...SET.....RACE!!!!

The Pinewood Derby is coming! Saturday, March 22nd at 8:00 am at the Epping Elementary School Gymnasium

The boys have been working hard on making their derby vehicles...It is always a great time to see the boys go head to head! The creativity in the designs is always fascinating to see!

PACK 136 Hosts the District Pinewood Derby - Saturday, April 5th Time and place TBD.

Spring Campout: Come join the family camping fun with Pack 136 - Spring Campout at Camp Carpenter: Dates are **April 26th - 27th**.

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 at her e-mail address at ameyer71@gmail.com.

Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups: 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2nd grade, Wolf; 3rd grade, Bears; 4th grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5th grade, 2nd 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, games, skits and songs and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

SCOUTING = FUN, Don't miss out!

We are looking forward to lots more fun events. Some examples of things we plan to do this school year are: Family Fun day at a corn maze, Family Bowling night out with the Pack, Attend a Monarchs game, Winter Fun Day at Camp Dion (the Webelos get to do a sleep over!), Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby race, Rain Gutter Regatta Race, Sleepover on the SS Salem. See historic Battleships and camp overnight on a real battleship, Fisher Cats game and camping overnight on the field. It's going to be an incredible year of Scouting. The boys will all be working hard on their badges for the year.

Thank you to the Epping Community for all of your support. The Pack would like to extend a very big thank you to the Epping Bible Baptist Church for their generous assistance in providing a wonderful, handicapped accessible meeting place for the Bear Den. We would like to thank the Epping School System (SAU 14) for their generous donation of a handicap-accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information about how to join Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Michael Page** 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>.

Submitted by Rainy Melton

Boy Scout Troop 136

The Troop would like to thank Epping Community Church for renewing their Charter Sponsorship of Troop 136 for another year.

Winter has been a busy time for the Troop, despite the often colder than normal winter conditions. The Scouts visited Camp Zion in Raymond in January for their Winter Fun Weekend.

Temperatures of 16 below zero did not stop the Scouts from enjoying sledding, ice fishing, and an outdoor scavenger hunt over the weekend.

Klondike Derby took place the first weekend of February in Brentwood. The Scouts competed in many skills competitions in small teams known as patrols. Despite being a relatively young troop, the boys did well and learned many life skills that future employers will seek, such as teamwork, overcoming adversity, and responding to unforeseen change. The boys did tie for 1st place in lunch preparation.

That same weekend the Scouts participated in Scout Sunday at ECC and other local places of worship. "A scout is reverent."

The very next weekend in February the Troop was back at Camp Zion for the Winter Freeze Out weekend. Scouts were challenged to learn skills on how to build an emergency shelter and then spend a night in their newly constructed home. All Scouts thrived despite the sub freezing temperatures, but were glad for their regular bed the next night! The Troop was joined for some activities by Webelos from Pack 136 as they prepare to cross over to Boy Scouting in April.

Congratulations to Eric Ouellette, the most recent Eagle Scout from Troop 136!

Many Scouts earned advancements and merit badges over the past few months.

The Scouts have many things planned over the next few months such as camping at the Straw property in Epping, indoor rock wall, Spring Camporee, summer camp, and so much more. If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 17 who would benefit from an organization like the Boy Scouts, please contact Les Houston at 231-1148.

Submitted by Les Houston



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Girl Scout Information Session

Come learn about joining Girl Scouts! The Girl Scouts are holding an Information session on **Tuesday, April 1st** from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Children's Room at the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library 151 Main Street in Epping.

Girl Scout Cookies on Sale

Girl Scout Cookies are on sale. To find all the booth sales in your area, please go to the online Girl Scout Cookie Locator and type in your zip code.

If you would like more information, please visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org/explore.html or call us at 888 474-9686, ext. 165.

American Legion News

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance with the 'Then Again Band'

The American Legion Post 51 is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance featuring the "Then Again Band" on **Saturday, March 15th**. The New England Boiled Dinner includes your choice of Corned Beef or Ham and all the fixings. 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 11th! This ticket does include entrance to the dance that will begin at 8:00 pm. The "Then Again Band" will be playing classic oldies music from the 50's and the 60's. Grab your honey and come on down for a great dinner and a rock'n good time. If you miss out on the dinner tickets or you just want to attend the dance which starts at 8:00 pm, the cost is \$5/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

Coming Events (Watch for more information)

Saturday, April 19th at 8 pm – Dance at the American Legion in Epping. Band to be announced.

Saturday, May 17th – at Noon to 4:00 pm - Car Show and Pig Roast

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 9th** and **Sunday, April 13th**. 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 DeLong



Epping Fire Department

Daylight savings time will start on **March 9th**. 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!

Explorer Post 716

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.

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 15th** we will be offering corned beef and cabbage with lots of extras. On **April 19th** 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. Come and enjoy a home cooked meal...we'd love to see you. 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!

Epping Community Care has been busy helping our friends and neighbors in the community who are in need of a helping hand. We have been serving approximately 300 families and individuals every month 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've also offered many coats, hats, mittens and gloves and other warm 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 to 12:30. 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!!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

Mass times at 8 am on Mondays and at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

March

Lent begins March 5th

Ash Wednesday masses

7:30 am and 7:00 pm

March 7th - 28th – 5:30 pm – Lenten Fish Supper
– 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

March 24th, 25th, 26th – Parish Mission Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, the Work of the Holy Angels

April

April 4th – 5:30 pm – Lenten Fish Supper
– 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

April 11th – 6:00 pm – Live Stations followed by soup and bread

April 18th – 3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross
– 7:00 pm – Veneration of the Cross
– 8:30 pm – Divine Mercy Novena

April 19th – 3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Novena
– 7:30 pm – Easter Vigil

April 20th – Easter Sunday

Mass Schedule – 7:30 am, 9:30 pm, 11:30 pm

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 is a community of Christian believers who seek to grow in maturity and in knowledge of Jesus. We average 125 people on Sunday mornings and visitors are always welcome to join us. We love to share that Jesus has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly, and are excited to teach how to find

that abundant, joyful life!

Our Sunday mornings begin with a full, free breakfast starting at 8:00 am.

Sunday School is offered for all ages beginning at 9:30 am.

Our morning service starts at 10:45 am and is what we call a blended service that contains a mix of both contemporary and traditional elements. Childcare is provided at all of our services by background checked, CPR-certified volunteers.

Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, we have an informal time for fellowship, discussions, questions and sharing.

Small groups exist for men and women who share the desire to gather regularly for mutual Christian growth through loving, learning, serving and reaching others in order to become better disciples of Jesus. They are available at various times throughout the week, including a young adults group, a men's group and a women's group.

We offer Choir for all ages. Practices are held on Sunday evenings.

Prayer meeting meets on Wednesday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm.

AWANA takes place on **Friday** nights for kids age 4 through grade 6.

Faith Bible Institute is a college level Bible course that is held on **Monday** nights at 6:30 pm.

We offer a free food pantry on the second and third **Fridays** of each month at 1:00 pm.

Our goal is to serve others in our community and surrounding communities with the love of Christ and to share the Gospel of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection with everyone!

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

Pastor Ron does a devotional online each week, and is always available to serve the needs of our community.

For more information, please contact us at www.eppingbible.org.

West Epping Quaker Meeting House

Friends (Quakers) have been meeting in Epping since 1772. The present Meeting House was built on Friends Street in 1851 on land given by John Folsom.

We have Meeting for Worship every first and third Sunday at 10:00 am. We meet in silent meditation for an hour. If someone feels moved to share a message they are encouraged to do so. Because our group is small the meeting remains

rather silent. 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 (Children's Dept.)

679-5884 (Fax)

harvmitch@gmail.com

www.eppinglibrary.com

Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 – 5

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 – 8

50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on **Saturday, April 12th** from 1 to 4 pm as we celebrate the library's 50th anniversary. Light refreshments will be provided.

Preschooler Story Times with Miss Eva

Join us for stories and crafts on Mondays at 11:15 am and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 am.

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 welcome!

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

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

Please call us at 734-4587 or visit us at www.eppinglibrary.com for more information..

Submitted by Bradley A. Green, Library Director

Epping Youth Coalition

The Epping YOUTH Coalition Meetings have been well attended and full of wonderful ideas, information, and enthusiasm!

Epping Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Organizations Unite To Help) **Updates:**

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 9 am, at the SAU. Our next meetings will be on

March 18th and April 15th.

The Board of Selectmen approved a request to form a Community Center Committee to investigate the interest in Epping having a Community Center. The next Meeting is March 5th at 6:30 pm at the SAU.

The PTO will host an open Forum regarding the School Resource Officer: "What it IS, and what it ISN'T," open for Q & A's. Date TBA.

Submitted by Linda Daigles

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.

Due to structural issues at Watson Academy, the building is still closed to the public and the Recreation Center is closed and any programs or meetings there are cancelled until further notice. Adult Basketball will be run at the EMS Gym and Derry ATA Karate at the EES with no changes.

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.

Epping Recreation Snow Policy

If school is delayed opening, there is no AM Program. If school is an early close, there are no PM Programs & No Evening Programs. If After School Activities Only are Cancelled, PM Program Closes NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm! (Plan To Pick Up Kids ASAP) & there are no Evening Programs.

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 email.

Preschool Soccer and Other Sports Programs

We will be holding Preschool sports programs again this Spring. Please check back in April for more information.

Elementary School Programs

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

Karate Classes

Mondays (EMS Stage) and Thursdays (EES gym)
3:05 – 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

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

For more information or to sign your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 434-9444 or e-mail her at dcdenapoli1023@gmail.com.

ALL beginners receive a FREE Uniform.

Before and After School Programs

Grades K-7

6:45–8:15 am and 3:05–5:45 pm

Before School Program at EES Gym

After School Program meets in EES Gym, then Goes To EMS Cafe 3:15-4:15 pm, then Back To EES Gym till Close

We provide a safe, nurturing place for children to attend quality programming beyond the schools' hours of operation. We strive to help youth reach their full potential by allowing them to explore their physical, social and intellectual interests in a safe and fun setting. The culture of our programs emphasizes quality relationships and a healthy respect for individuality. We provide enough structure to keep everyone safe, but we also offer an open atmosphere that allows children to explore their interests in groups or on their own.

The **River Otters** before school program operates on normal school days at the EES gym in the mornings for youth in grades K-6. The program opens at 6:45 am and runs until students leave for their classrooms at 8:20 am. Kindergarteners are escorted by staff. At the program, the youth are

able to finish homework, work on arts and crafts projects, play games in the gym and use the playground. The youth are able to eat breakfast with the school breakfast program. The after school program starts at EES gym to gather, then they head outside to the Kindergarten and EES playgrounds during good weather days or over to the EMS/EHS Cafe for snack and homework time from 3:15 to 4:15pm, during cold or bad weather days. The programs then move into the EES gym, or other designated areas, for organized games and activities from 4:15-5:45 pm. The program operates from school dismissal until **5:45 P.M.** Children are grouped by grades: K-1, 1-2 and 3-6. This may vary slightly depending on space and child needs in each of the groups. Space fills up fast, so download a registration form today! We require registration for the Fall Semester and again in December for the Spring. We offer No School Day, Parent/ Teacher Workshop and Vacation Week full day programs, which will have separate registration forms! Please check one month in advance of any No School Days on the school calendar or call us at 608-9487 if you have questions. We will not be offering programs during the Thanksgiving and Winter Break School Closings, to allow our staff time with their families during the holidays, as well as traditionally low enrollment in past years during those times.

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 at www.eppingrecreation.org.

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 Thursday and Sunday nights.

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

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 days used. Once you have used your ten nights, bring in your next payment of \$30 for ten additional nights. You won't be allowed to play if we don't have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

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 Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:45 – 8:45 pm at the EHS Café. Cost: \$35 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

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 for more information!

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers to work at our Kids Club and Teen Central.

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Epping Family Morning Out on Fridays, 9:30 – 11 am (Except no group on Feb.28).

Epping Family Morning Out is for children from birth to six years, with their 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 a snack. Facilitator: Patty Keck. It will be held at the SAU 14 Building, 213 Main Street, Epping. 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;** go to FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org and click on the Register for Family Programs button, or call 422-8208 x2

New Hampshire School Gardens



Newfields School Garden

Across the state, school gardens connect students, teachers, administrators, parents, and volunteers in a community building experience. With a school garden, students can experience the whole cycle of plant life; understand where food comes from; what it takes to grow it, develop confidence and competence about growing food, eagerly sample and eat what they have grown - healthy food will not be a mystery.

If you are interested in planning a school garden in Rockingham County, our Extension Master Gardeners would be happy to help you. For more information, contact Ron Christie, Agriculture Program Coordinator, at (603) 679-5616 or ron.christie@unh.edu.

Epping Students in the News

Epping Students named to the Dean's List in Fall 2013

Devon Bernard – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Christie Cole – Coastal Carolina University
Olivia Griffin – Keene State College
Gina Kliska – University of Hartford
Trisha Mills – Keene State College
Zoe Pugliese – University of Rhode Island
Kayla R. Vasseur – Western New England University

Dean's List in Fall 2013 at the University of New Hampshire

Jessica Anderson – Highest Honors
Samantha Arsenault – Highest Honors
Madeleine Bennett – High Honors
Natalie Bilynsky – Honors
Erika Carano – Honors
Nicholas Carano – High Honors
Lisa Demaine – High Honors
Angelica Dionne – Highest Honors
Christopher Dunleavy – Honors
Brian Fanning – Honors
Crystal Frederick – High Honors
Morgan King – Highest Honors
Alison Mantini – High Honors
Bre-Ann Perkins – Highest Honors
Janine Perkins – Highest Honors
Kristen Pitkanen – Honors
Kathryn Rajchel – High Honors
Zachary Turgeon – High Honors

President's List for Fall 2013 at Plymouth State University

Hannah Kimball
Tucker Moss

Sawyer Begin named a Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University for Fall semester 2013.

Shannon Nollet named to Dean's List at Washington and Lee University for Winter term 2013

Lqwan Desir named a Defensive Back on the football team at Marist College for the fall 2013

Eric Ouellette named to Honor Roll at St. Thomas Aquinas High School Grade 12 High Honors.



Epping School District News

This school year the district will have a similar school calendar to last year, but with two more student days (two less professional development days). The calendar will include two parent conference days and four professional development days scheduled throughout the school year. Professional development days were selected taking into consideration holidays and voting day. There will be no early release days. Please visit www.sau14.org for the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

Epping School District Child Find Clinic

The Epping School District will be holding a Child Find Clinic at the Epping Preschool on **Friday, March 14th** from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The purpose of the Child Find is to screen the developmental skills of children between the ages of 2.5 to 6 (those not enrolled in Kindergarten) who may be in need of special education services. The screenings are completed by school personnel and address the areas of motor skills, speech and language, vision, hearing and pre-academics. If you think your child may have difficulties or a delay in any of these areas, please call 679-8003 extension 103 to set up an appointment (appointments are required). This service is free of charge and open to all Epping residents. All results are confidential.

See you there!

*** Snow date 3/21/14 ***

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. Epping Television is also streaming meetings that you can watch live anywhere on your computer at: <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>.

March 6th and 20th

April 3rd and 17th

Epping Elementary School (EES)

EES School Calendar

Feb. 24-28 – NO SCHOOL – Winter Vacation

Mar. 3 – Classes resume

Mar. 3 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

Mar. 7 – Kindergarten screening at the Preschool

Mar. 10 – Artist in Residence Kick Off Assembly 9:45 – 10:30

Mar. 11 – NO SCHOOL – Election Day & Teacher Professional Development Day

Mar. 12 – 26 – Artist In Residence Program with Jeff Erwin

Mar. 14 – Child Find Clinic

Mar. 14 – Grade 2 Field Trip to New England Aquarium

Mar. 21 – Child Find Clinic SNOW DATE

Mar. 26 – Afternoon Assembly and culminating event of Artist in Resident Program 6 pm potluck supper 7 pm performance

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

Apr. 7– NO SCHOOL – Conference & Teacher Professional Development Day

Apr. 10 & 11 – Musical “Rats” 7 pm EMS Gym

Apr. 11 – Kindergarten Screening at the Preschool

Apr. 12 – PTO Pancake Breakfast & Easter Bunny pictures 8:30-10:30 am

Apr. 12 – Epping Rec FREE Easter Egg Hunt 10:30-11:30 EES Field

Apr. 16 – Grade 5 Parents Middle School information meeting at EES 6:30 pm

Apr. 21-25 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Vacation

NEHS Students

Our National Honor Society students have raised \$450 for the NHSPCA selling rainbow loom bracelets. Thank you to everyone who helped support this endeavor. Congratulations to our NEHS students.

Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Grade 3

High Honors

Brooke Bacon, Cooper Bernier, Ethan Coldsmith, Jared DeCourcy, Olivia Gosselin, Keaghan Hayes, Brady Lewis, Miriam Peck, Luke Snyder

Honors

Sophie Bade, Jada Barlett, Kaelin Beattie, Christel Bellen, Kaitlyn Chapman, Aiden Dyer, Alison Galante, Leah Hackett, Kaylin Hennessy, Jordan Horton, Daniel Johnson, James Le, Sean Lecuyer, Cassidy Lustenberger, Calynn Marcheterre, Nathan McTague, Mackenzie Milbury, Sophia Morang, Pacy Morgado, Lindsey Parents, Maiya Poloian, Brady Powicki, Annalee Roy, Carly Sanborn, Dav Sappal, Tyler Valdez, Sarrah Wilkins, Alexa Williamson, Aaron Wyatt

Grade 4

High Honors

Kaitlyn Boelter, Ethan Chevalier, Melissa Daigle, Sydney Farris, Trey Finkelstein, Jade Gagnon, Jessica Galante, Julia Hardy, Elizabeth Hobb, Jacob Loving, Sasha McCabe, David Meyer, Wyatt Noel, Kevin O’Connell, Zachary Orthman, Aryana Patnaude, Mikey Picard, Abby Purchas, Molly Tessier, Jacklyn Tracy, Haley Williamson, Morgan Witmer

Honors

Will Barker, Tyus Bobb, Dylan Comeau, James Dross, Owen Finkelstein, Alex Greubel, Zachary Hodgman, Abby Houston, Katrina Jansson, Jackson Knox, Zachary Leblanc, Ciretta Mackenzie, Stamatis Maschas, Patrick McTague, Gregory Moulton, Mikhail Ozols, Ryan Page, Gracie Re, Rachel Robinson, Zachary Rogers, Aaron Sable, Alexandra Simard, Maxwell Simpson, Caden Snell, Cavan Snell, Domenic Spinelli, Rachel Swanson, Katelyn Whitman

Grade 5

High Honors

Delaney Clough, Isabelle Deary, Alexa Guarente, Owen Hayes, Kalee Hill, Taylor Holt, Andrew LeBlanc, Jack LePage, Erika MacLeod, Ryan MacVicar, Mackenzie McAniff, Peter McTague, Taya Morgado, Arianna Murphy, Meaghan Murphy, Jenna Needham, Ciara Patey, Luke Rossel, Emma Roussel, Amara Stevens, Haleigh Sullivan, Abigail Walsh, Alex Wyatt

Honors

Alex Bade, Mia Boccelli, Josh Coolidge, Kendall Crenshaw, Tyson Dionne, Spencer Gaudreau, Nico Greubel, Alyssa Higginbottom, Trevor Hovey, Katrina Jennings, Scott Johnson, Dillon McKenzie, Jack Meyer, Ben Milbury, Will Morasco, Ryan Pinkham, Kaitlyn Prince, Kate Roussel, Abigail Roy, Brandon Specuilli, Nico Spinelli, Brynn Sweetsir, Payden

Swidrak, Sean Thornton, Cassidy Wall, Isabella Walley, Megan Webber

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Epping Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction

Epping Middle School will induct 21 seventh and eighth graders into its Sapere Aude Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on **Friday, March 14, 2014**. Those students academically eligible (a 3.0 or B average) were given applications to complete to highlight their leadership, service, and character. Their applications were reviewed by the Faculty Council, and final selections were made by the group.

Epping Middle School's current members, Keelin Berger, Evelyn Carleton, Emma Coolidge, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Maylee Gagnon, Rebecca Milbury, and Katie Pelletier will lead the Induction Ceremony along with Principal Kyle Repucci and Dean of Students Christine Hebert who will give the opening and closing remarks. All new and present members, parents, and guests will be treated to a continental breakfast following the ceremony.

New members are: eighth graders Kayla Wells, Everett Brown, Victoria Maestas, Chloe Meyers, Caleb West, and Konrad J. Hodgman; seventh graders Megan Marasca, Adam LePage, Casey Needham, Gracia Jordan, Colin Farris, Hunter Bullock, Anna Re, Maya Martin, Kiana Pond, Morgan Shanley, Abby Simard, Lily O'Connell, Meghan Galante, Rachel Martin, and Addison Bickford.

EMS Students Shine in Science Bowl

Epping Middle School's Science Bowl team placed third in the first round, good enough for a place in the semi-finals of the New England Regional Science Bowl held in Nashua on Saturday, January 25, 2014. The students missed a spot in the finals by just one question.

The EMS Science Bowl team, consisting of Chloe Meyers, Maylee Gagnon, Katie Pelletier, Parker Holt, and Caleb West, is coached by Ms. Minichiello. Mr. Bouchard and Ms. Hansen accompanied the team to the competition. The team was noted for their professional appearance and for thanking all of the judges. Students from all over New England, including Boston schools, competed.



Left to right: Chloe Meyers, Maylee Gagnon, Katie Pelletier, Parker Holt, Caleb West

Epping Middle Schoolers Capture 13% of all Scholastic Art Awards

Nine Epping Middle School students were honored for their submissions to the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards. EMS students received 13% of all awards; 13% of all Gold Key awards; 21% of the Silver Keys; and 27% of the Honorable Mention awards.

Emma Coolidge and Haley Mungia both earned Gold and Silver Keys in the Photography category. Abby Simard (Drawing), Stephanie MacDonald (Drawing), and Lily O'Connell (Painting) all earned Silver Keys. Honorable Mention status was achieved by: Keelin Berger (Photography), Kristin Davidson (Sculpture), Aletha Demarais (Photography), Maylee Gagnon (Photography) and Abby Simard (Mixed Media).

Student work was submitted by their teachers, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Thompson, and was on exhibit from January 21 through February 1, 2014, at the Stockbridge Theatre on the campus of Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. Gallery hours were Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. An awards ceremony, open to the public, was held on Saturday, February 1, at 1:30 pm. The gallery was open that day from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm.

Konrad Hodgman Wins Geography Bee

Eighth grader Konrad Hodgman knew that the Potomac River, which rises in the Allegheny Plateau, empties into Chesapeake Bay, enabling him to repeat as Epping Middle School's Geography Bee Champ. He defeated runner-up Ryan Donovan.

Classroom bees were held over the past few weeks, generating the following list of finalists: Sharon Swanson, Jayson Brissette, Alexis Kailey, Anna Re, Evika Toth, Ryan Donovan, Tori Maestas, Cat Poulin, Konrad Hodgman, and Jordan Place.

Konrad will next take a written test which will determine the qualifiers for the State Geography Bee. The National Bee will be held in Washington, DC from May 19-21, 2014. Fifty thousand dollars in scholarship money is up for grabs at the National Bee.

Quarter 2 Honor Roll:

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

Grade 6:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Laura Duguie, Oakley Lustenberger, Joey Zheng

Highest Honors in Learning:

Mikayla Berger, Calle Bisailon, Laura Duguie, Trey Loving, Oakley Lustenberger, Hayley Pelletier, Faith Williamson, Joey Zheng

Honors in Learning:

Logan Aboshar, Hannah Armstrong, Luke Barker, Noah Bilodeau, Avalon Brown, Christopher Chapman, Lyndsey Chevalier, Derek Dixey, Joseph Furey, Molly Gallagher, Ryan Glass, Samantha Johnson, Keyghan Lewis, Karissa Martin, Ava Montalbano, Kayla Orthman, Olivia Parents, Alana Porter, Mackenzie Rancati, Madison Rancati, Peyton Rivers, Isabella Snyder, Makayla Swidrak

Grade 7:

Highest Honors in Work Habits/Effort:

Casey Needham, Jennifer Nikolova, Lily O'Connell, Julianna Re, Abby Simard

Highest Honors in Learning:

Hunter Bullock, Meghan Galante, Adam LePage, Maya Martin, Destiny McKay, Allison Nee, Casey Needham, Jennifer Nikolova, Lily O'Connell, Kiana Pond, Julianna Re, Abby Simard

Honors in Learning:

MiKayla Ball, Adria Bennett, Addison Bickford, Sarah Braese, Benjamin Colban, Brenden Curry, Ryan Donovan, Madison Downing, Colin Farris, Benjamin Fowler, Gage Gaudreau, Anthony Guilfoyle, Shawn Hill, Connor Jennings, Gracia Jordan, Christopher Langford, Jenna Lavoie, Emilie LeBlanc, Matthew LeBlanc, Megan Marasca, Luke Marchisio, Ashley Martin, Rachel Martin, Cerys McCabe, Alexis McDuffee, Casey Munguia, Haley Munguia, Mercedes Nash, MacKenzie Newman, Kaitlyn Nichols, Zachary Oumansour, Sarah Parenteau, Kylee Pinkham, Shelby Prestridge,

Mercedes Richards, Lauren Robbins, Michaela Sable, Morgan Shanley, Abigail Soldani, Ashley Spechuilli, Anthony Spinelli, Evika Toth, Ashlyn Vensel, Josephine Wentworth

Grade 8:

Highest Honors in Work Habits/Effort:

Evelyn Carleton, Maylee Gagnon, Chloe Meyers, Katie Pelletier

Highest Highest Honors in Learning:

Keelin Berger, Konrad Hodgman, Rebecca Milbury

Honors in Learning:

Jacob Bisailon, Gaven Blakney, Everett Brown Jr, Evelyn Carleton, Emma Coolidge, Rachael Davidson, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Maylee Gagnon, Parker Holt, Victoria Maestas, Chloe Meyers, Katie Pelletier

Epping Middle School Holds Pride Assembly

Guiding Principles #5 (Be truthful; communicate honestly) and #6 (Be respectful and accountable for your choices) were featured at the EMS Pride Assembly held on February 11. The sixth grade team presented the awards to Amar Sappal (#5) and Olivia Parents (#6). Seventh graders Ashley Martin (#5) and Ben Colban (#6) were honored by the seventh grade team teachers. Ryan Sylvain (#5) and Marissa Adams (#6) took the eighth grade honors. The Unified Arts Team selected Calle Bisailon, grade 6 (#5) and Joey Zheng, grade six (#6).

Nice Moves (getting caught doing something good) certificates were awarded to: Ashlyn Vensel, Meghan Galante, Kiana Pond, Hannah Armstrong, Ryan Moulton, Ryan Maestas, and Evan Altbergs.

The assembly began with the EMS cheerleaders entertaining the crowd with the routine they will be presenting in their upcoming tournaments.

Congratulations to all!

Submitted by Bruce Christie

Epping High School (EHS)

EHS Prom Expo and Fashion Show

You are cordially invited to attend Epping High School's **FIRST EVER Prom Expo and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 8th** in the auditorium.

At the Expo:

The Expo is from 1 to 4 pm and is FREE to shoppers!!

Area businesses will display their prom goods and services. If you are an area business and would like to rent a booth for \$20, contact Karen McCallion (Junior Class Advisor) at kmccallion@sau14.org.

- a) donate it
- b) sell it yourself and keep 100% of the profit
- c) have us sell it for you at 10% commission.

You set the price! Contact me at kmccallion@sau14.org.

Raffles and refreshments are for sale at both events. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Epping High School athletes continue to garner awards from state organizations. Most recently Brittney Bullock, Cassidy Garrow, Shelby Martin, Jamie Roy, Kelly Seaman, Jillian Venuti, and Josh Venuti were recognized by the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association and the NHIAA as Male and Female Scholar Athletes. This award is given to seniors who participate in at least two varsity sports while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average throughout their high school career.

The Boys' Basketball Team is currently 13-3.

Project Unify Basketball competed in five contests this year.

The Spirit Team will be in Concord at the Capitol City Classic on **March 1st**. The competition will help prepare the girls for the State Tournament on **March 9th**, (preliminary round – Pinkerton Academy 3:00 pm), and **March 16th** (Championships – Southern New Hampshire University 3:00 pm).

Submitted by Sharon Lavallee

If your email address has changed, please notify Barbara Helmstetter at: bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

The next issue (**May-June**) of this newsletter will be available **on May 1, 2014**. We will accept **submissions through April 25, 2014**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

Thanks for reading! - The Communications Group

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Epping Calendar of Events for March 2014

March 1	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 3	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
March 5	Community Center meeting at SAU – 6:30 pm
March 6	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
March 7	Kindergarten screening at the Preschool
March 8	EHS Prom Free Expo 1 - 4 pm and Fashion Show (\$2) 6 – 8 pm EMS Gym/ Café
March 8	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 9	Daylight Savings Begins
March 9	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
March 10	EES Artist in Residence Kickoff Assembly – 9:45-10:30
March 11	ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!!! EMS gym 8 am–7 pm
March 11	NO SCHOOL - Election Day and Teacher Professional Development Day
March 11	Epping Garden Club Fundraiser at Kume Steak House in Brickyard Square
March 12	8 th Grade parents Transition meeting Café – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
March 12	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 12	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 12-26	EES Artist in Residence Program
March 13	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Safety Complex Fire Station at 1:00 pm
March 14	EMS Induction into National Junior Honor Society
March 14	Child Find Clinic
March 14-23	“On Golden Pond” at the Leddy Center
March 14	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
March 14	EHS Dance – Café – 7–10 pm
March 15	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 15	Epping Community Church Dinner “Corned Beef and Cabbage” – 5-7 pm
March 15	American Legion St. Patrick’s Day Dinner-Dance
March 18	Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building– 9 am
March 18	Music in our School Concert and Spaghetti dinner – 6:30-8:30 pm
March 19	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
March 19	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 19	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Epping Middle School Café – 6:30-7:30 pm
March 20	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
March 21	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
March 21	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
March 22	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
March 22	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 8:00 am EES Gym
March 22	EHS Chess Tournament EMS Gym & Café - 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
March 25	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
March 26	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 26	275 th Birthday Bash committee meeting – 7 pm
March 26	EES Art in Residence Potluck and Performance – 6 pm
March 27	Philippine Relief Effort Faculty/Staff Basketball game EHS Gym – 6:30 – 7:30 pm
March 29	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am

Epping Calendar of Events for April 2014

Date	Event
April 1	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
April 3	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
April 5	Cub Scout District Pinewood Derby in Epping - Time and place to be decided
April 5	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 7	NO SCHOOL – Conference and Teacher Professional Development Day
April 9	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
April 9	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
April 10-11	EES musical “Rats” – EMS Gym – 7 pm
April 10	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm “Christmas Party”
April 11	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
April 11	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
April 11	Kindergarten Screening at the Preschool
April 12	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 12	Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library 50 th Anniversary Celebration – 1-4 pm
April 12	EES PTO Pancake Breakfast and Easter Bunny pictures – 8:30–10:30 am
April 12	Free Easter Egg Hunt at EES Field – 10:30-11:30 am
April 13	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
April 15	Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building– 9 am
April 15	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
April 16	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Epping Middle School Café – 6:30-7:30 pm
April 16	Grade 5 parents Middle School Information meeting at EES – 6:30 pm
April 16	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library –7 pm
April 17	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
April 18	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
April 19	American Legion Dance – Band to be announced – 8 pm
April 19	Epping Community Church Dinner “Roast Turkey Dinner” – 5-7 pm
April 19	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 21-25	NO SCHOOL – SPRING VACATION
April 22	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
April 25	DEADLINE DATE for the May-June issue of the Newsletter
April 26	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am
April 26	Lamprey River Canoe Race
April 26=27	Cub Scout Spring Family Campout at Camp Carpenter

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, 2014**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.