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What's Up, Watson?



1984 Percheron team in Epping Memorial Day Parade:
Wagon Master Charlie Brady of Lee,

As Yogi Berra once said: "It's déjà vu all over again!" Nothing much has changed.

In May, a year ago, Watson Academy faced the same challenges as now:

- Epping voters had defeated a warrant article to fund repairing the nationally recognized Historic Place.
- The municipal insurance company refused to pay anything, denying damage was caused by a seismic event on October 16, 2012.
- The Town had already spent \$10,000 for engineers to study the entire building.
- In the eleventh hour, Town fire and building code enforcers insisted on a further engineering study (hence, the recent failed \$25,000 warrant article).
- Last May, our Save Watson Academy Committee had presented Selectmen with a repair solution under \$50,000, quoted by local contractors. This year's proposal is to fix it for FREE.
- Epping Senior Citizens and our Recreation Department remain homeless.
- Selectmen and our volunteers are still trying to figure out what to do next.

So here we are!

Negotiations with the Board of Selectmen have intensified. The Board seems unified in wanting to solve the problem. Let's hope for progress in 2014!

Plans are underway for a Watson Academy float in the Memorial Day Parade, May 26. Coordinated through American Legion Post 51, our committee will re-enact Watson Academy's presence in the same parade 30 years ago. Back then, the belltower and NoBell Prize winner (Diane Byrne) were displayed. This year, descendants of the original Percherons will proudly pull a wagon honoring displaced occupants of Watson Academy: Epping Seniors and Recreation Dept. children.

Contact Co-Chair Carol Clapp to help: call her at 418-5953 or e-mail her at: codaclapp@gmail.com

We need all the help we can get!

Senior Moments

April was a Reunion for the Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club. Remember that song "What a Difference A Day Makes"? What a difference 90 days make. No meetings, no programs, no trips, no snacks and no news (gossip). But,we're back!

Some of our plans for trips are still on the drawing board. However, the bus is gassed up, the roads are clear and the first destination on our GPS is the Budweiser Plant in Merrimack on **May 5th**. We'll tour the Brewery, sample the beers and admire those beautiful horses. Then, thanks to NH Chronicle, we learned of **Pepi Hermann Crystal**. Remember that name. He is known as the World's Finest Hand Cut Crystal artist and has been creating his masterpieces since 1974. Pepi lives in Gilford, NH. It's going to be hard to hang on to our plastic when we visit his gallery on **May 14th**.

The Candy Factory in Laconia has been waiting for our visit since last Fall. They were sorry to tell me it's too late to make candy canes but if we'd like, we can make chocolates. Dah! That's a no brainer. This falls right into this year's goal of staying healthy. Dark chocolate is one of our favorite meds so unless there is a snowstorm in June we're headed north to Laconia.

I almost forgot. Some of us did take a ride down to Newburyport, MA to visit Jeanne, our retired President. She showed us around her area and downtown Newburyport. Nice choice. Of course we had lunch near the waterfront. It was a cool day though, so we decided to return when we can go SHOPPING! She sends her best wishes to all her friends in Epping. Although she really misses us, she seems to be gathering the ranks and soon will be Madam President once again in her new neighborhood.

We're now back on a schedule of one Monday a month with the Lamprey Health Care Bus. Marcia, our driver, recently took us to the Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover for a tour. Although they have an extensive web site, it was extremely interesting to learn they still prefer seeing the written words. We had to agree. They welcome other groups to visit. So put this on your "to do" list.

Keeping to our goal of good health this year, Ms. Jennifer Ford, Walmart's Head Pharmacist came to our April meeting. Her information was right on target for senior citizens. It zoomed in on Medicare, prescription costs and particular changes created by the new laws. We finally got answers to our questions such as the "donut hole." Now we

know it will be totally eliminated over the next two years. That was a big cost for many seniors. I think the most important change is the fact that shingle shots are now covered 100% by Medicare. Until this new law, it could cost between \$250 and \$300. This news should be passed on to every senior citizen because shingles is a terrible pain that can be avoided by a **single shingles shot**. Please ask your doctor about it. Jennifer welcomes anyone to stop by Walmart and ask questions.

Don't forget us oldies on Memorial Day. We'll be planted in front of the Library once again selling our homemade goodies and water. Stop by, say hello and bring the kids. They are always our best customers. They love to eat, you love to feed them and we love to sell. A win win win.

We wish everyone could hear Mr. Justin Gordon who will be our guest speaker at the May meeting. He has a fascinating program about "Sand Sculptures." Yes, those unbelievable sculptures we see at Hampton Beach each summer. These amazing sculptures are created by talented artists and on **May 8th** we'll learn how it is done.

We'll be back at the Harvey Farm in June for our annual Picnic and Pound Party. I'll report any unusual happenings.

A real treat in June for us is a tour of Fenway Park in Boston. Not the game, just the Ball Park. Then a cruise up the Charles River and of course lunch at the Cheesecake Factory.

To those becoming a senior citizen, **don't worry**. It's like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but gets you nowhere. Come to one of our meetings and bring your monthly planner. Fire Department, 2nd Thursday, 1 pm.

Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary

Ride Sharing With The East West Express

Submitted by Rachel Dowd

The East West Express appreciates our environmentally mindful passengers who have embraced the idea of sharing a ride this season. Earth Day in April reminded us all of the importance of the things we may take for granted living in our beautiful state. Gorgeous beaches, lakes and mountains, local farms and fresh air come to mind as a few of benefits we enjoy in New Hampshire.

As we begin the summer months tourists will surely begin to fill our roadways. Remember East West Express is an option to avoid the traffic headaches. We can give you a stress-free night out

to dinner and a show as well. We are pleased to announce a new partnership with The Music Hall, our Arts & Culture Partner in the Seacoast! Be sure to "like us" on Facebook and "follow us" on Twitter so you can be a part of some of the ticket promotions we have planned for upcoming events. Once you arrive at our Portsmouth stop you can hop on the Coast Trolley to get to one of many fun destinations downtown. The River House Restaurant offers a beautiful view of the river and is within walking distance of downtown's many attractions. It's clear why Portsmouth was voted NH's most romantic city!

If you are planning an overnight stay, did you know that Colwen Management's hotels: The Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites or Residence Inn all provide a free shuttle called "The Port Ride" that takes you around the area when you stay as a guest? They will be ready for you at the Transportation Center in Portsmouth if you let them know when you expect to arrive. Naturally, you would ride the East West Express shuttle from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) to Portsmouth if traveling east. The same applies to those staying in Manchester, as Colwen also owns several hotels near MHT airport and operates a free shuttle for guests staying there as well.

East West Express arrives and departs hourly at NH's clean and convenient MHT airport, so you can start relaxing early for your vacation or be less stressed on your way to an important business trip. The Epping Park & Ride continues to be a convenient pick-up and drop-off stop for residents in Epping and surrounding towns traveling east or west. If you are looking for something fun to do in the Queen City, we stop every 2 hours downtown on Canal Street, very close to several attractions including the Verizon Wireless Arena. You could also enjoy a baseball game with the entire family because we drop you just a block away from The Fisher Cats. We love our baseball fans and thank the team for providing us with tickets for our Facebook passenger contest to celebrate opening day!

There are so many commuting options for entertainment value that give you an option to "go green" and share a ride! We hope you all enjoy the coming season and try out the affordable ways to now get around. View our complete schedule and make reservations at: www.eastwestnh.com or call 1-800-245-2525 for more information.

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

News From the Town

Upcoming dates:

May 26th – Town Hall closed for Memorial Day

July 1st – Taxes are due!

275th Birthday Bash Committee

The "275th Birthday Bash" has T-shirts on order and will be selling them soon, hopefully at the Memorial Day Parade. They have many things planned for the birthday in 2016. More help is still needed. If you are interested, please e-mail Joyce Blanchard at secretary@townofepping.com. The monthly meetings are posted on the Town of Epping website and the 275th Birthday Bash has a Facebook page to "LIKE."

Epping Town news from Seacoastonline.com: New Liquor Store in Planning Stages

Town officials are hoping to speed up efforts to build a new liquor and wine outlet at the Epping Park & Ride. It is felt the new outlet will draw business from nearby communities and the motoring public. The state has already approved \$3.85 million to build the store somewhere in town and the Park & Ride would be an ideal location given the visibility around Exit 7 off 101, serving both north and south, as well as east and west.

The state Department of Transportation would need to sell a portion of the Park & Ride to the Liquor Commission. The project has been stalled, partly because the Federal Highway Administration must sign off on the deal since the state Department of Transportation built the Park & Ride with federal highway funds. The state would also have to mitigate the wetlands in that location.

It is hoped things can be resolved quickly as "time is ticking" as to the expenditure of the approved funds. If the Park & Ride location doesn't work out, the state will probably move ahead to purchase one of several private properties. The state wants a liquor outlet somewhere in Epping.

New Safety Measures Coming on 125

The Board of Selectmen and Department of Transportation representatives have discussed plans for improved safety measures at the Route 125/Main Street/Fresh River Road intersection. A letter from Department of Transportation Commissioner Christopher Clement stated that the state will be installing curb and sidewalk landings at the intersection along with pedestrian signal heads, two crosswalks and incorporating a "pedestrian phase" or walk light into the traffic signals.

The NH Department of Transportation will also install a “pedestrian beacon” at the junction of the Rockingham Rail Trail and 125. The pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) will be triggered by trail users, activating a red light for vehicles that will turn green after they are safely across. The installation of the PHB will be done in conjunction with restriping the road from two-lane to three lanes. The state is planning to repave 125 from 101 to just north of Railroad Avenue. The center left-turn lane will improve the so-called “gap section” where the road narrows to one lane on each side from Railroad Avenue to the intersection with Route 27.

Latest News from Brickyard Square

A Mexican restaurant has arrived in Brickyard Square! Tortilla Flat has opened! Tortilla Flat has been located in Merrimack, NH for 35 years.

Beach Plum will be coming soon.

We now have a Kay (“Every Kiss Begins With K”) Jewelers located here in Brickyard Square.

New Cumberland Farms Store Opens This Summer

The construction on the new Cumberland Farms location is progressing rapidly. 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. We’ve recently completed vision testing in the schools, and contributed \$700 to the Epping Middle School cash calendar fundraiser, which will be used for class trips.

Thank you to all who came out for our biggest event – the Lamprey River Canoe Race on

Saturday, April 26th. Prizes were awarded for the top three fastest times in Male Solo, Female Solo and two-person categories. There was also a special prize for Best Costume. For a list of winners, visit our website www.epping.nhlions.org.

We are always looking for innovative people who desire to become involved in improving our community and having fun doing it. Please visit our website or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EppingsLionsClub. 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

More Than 12 Years a Slave in Epping

There were slaves not only in the South but here in New England as well. As early as the 1640's men and women captured in Africa were brought into New Hampshire. They were in great demand because of their strength and stamina and, unlike the Indians, they were very resistant to disease. In 1776, there were about 650 “negroes and slaves for life” living in New Hampshire. Nineteen of them were living in Epping.*

The slave owners were usually among the more prominent and influential men in town. The Epping minister and town doctor each had at least one slave. Slaves were valuable assets for their owners. In addition to their hard work, they could be used to secure a loan or resold at a profit. One Epping owner gave his “good natured and well behaved slave” away to his daughter as a wedding present.

At least four “strong and healthy” Epping slaves served as Revolutionary War soldiers from New

Hampshire and fought for our independence from England. They were promised their own freedom after serving three years.

Today we would well call these men heroes, but after the War many of these former slaves found themselves without work, unsupported, and forced out of one town after another. One of them was Primus Coffin, an Epping soldier, who was 80 years old in 1820 and living in Meredith, NH where he may have died. Another was Cato Fisk who fought for six years and earned a special Badge of Merit for his service. Cato wound up working a toll road gate in Epsom, NH where he died in 1824. It's believed he is buried in an unmarked grave in Epsom behind the Old Meetinghouse. Yet another Epping soldier was Peter Stearns, the only former slave whose burial place is certain. He lies beneath a beautiful stone in Bedford, Massachusetts.

Years after the War, some slaves were still with their owners. Although some of them were no longer useful, perhaps they had kindly been allowed to stay on and live the only life they had come to know. One of them was Dinah who was still here with her Epping owners when she died in 1812.

May they all rest in peace.

*More information on request.

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

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

We have welcomed many visitors the last few months. We had a visitor from Oregon who grew up in Epping and his father owned the lot next to the Epping Historical Society. How many of you remember the Bogle family? We also had a surprise visit from a couple from Epping, England! We are looking forward to a visit from some folks from Texas in June. They also have Epping roots. If you are researching an Epping family, please stop by and take a look at what we have at the Society. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much information we have at our fingertips!

In the last issue of Speak Up Epping, we invited people to nominate the oldest person, who is a long time resident of Epping, for the Boston Post Cane. We have had two applications at this time, and an announcement will be made in May.

The walkway to our building is being prepared for us to install our memorial brick walkway. We plan to use some of the bricks from the Old

Rundlett building. This building was on the corner where the former bank was located. When the building was torn down, Amogene Kimball organized the Boy Scouts to transfer lots of the old bricks to the cellar of the Society. The memorial bricks will be an on-going project. As we receive orders for the bricks, we will be able to "pop out" a brick, to replace it with an engraved brick. The bricks are \$50.00, with up to three lines, with fourteen letters on each line, including spaces.

We had a very successful program in April -- we had a full house! Kevin Martin gave a presentation on his new book: "Big Trees in New Hampshire." He told the audience about several of the largest trees, right here in Epping. If you have an opportunity to see this program, it will be well worth your while. Thank you Kevin!

We are organizing our old pictures and photos at the Society. When we first started this project, we had four or five binders with pictures. Now we have filled a dozen binders with pictures. We have separated the areas of town so houses are easier to find. Then we created books for: Brickyards, Railroads, Town Hall, Churches, Shoe shops, various businesses and Mills and Dams. One of our volunteers set up a display of surgical and medical instruments that belonged to Dr. Mitchell. They are very basic and scary! If you saw these instruments in a Doctor's office today, you would run the other way! Most of these date back to the late 1800's.

One hundred years ago, in the spring of 1914, the Town of Epping voted to put underground the brook running from Chicken Street (now St. Laurent Street) under Main Street, down Bunker Avenue to the river. This brook was a public nuisance and anyone who lived on Water Street could tell you about the flooding during a rainstorm. In the summer when it was nearly dry, it was being used for a drain for sinks and sewers. The brook was very attractive to children, who delight in throwing in tin cans, boxes and of course, sticks and stones. Many young men of this town could not resist exploring the brook, once it was underground!

If you have any photos, school yearbooks or just stories to share, come visit with us on Monday's. The coffee is always on, and usually a goodie to enjoy!

We are open Mondays from 8:00 to 12:00, or whenever the flag is flying. If that does not work for you, please call 679-2944 and we can make an appointment.

Submitted by Joy True, Curator,

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Camou-Frogs



Gray tree frog www.wildlife.state.nh.us

New Hampshire has ten native species of frogs. Most of these frogs are what one might expect of frogs in the cool climate found here: they live in or near ponds, they have moist, smooth skin and they hibernate at the bottom of ponds in winter. The gray tree frog, on the other hand, is not what one might expect. It lives in trees, it has bumpy skin and it hibernates in leaf litter on the forest floor. It is more like something one might find in a tropical rain forest.

Gray tree frogs are not always gray. Their color depends on the color of their background and on the temperature. These well-camouflaged frogs vary from almost white to gray to light green. They are often heard, but seldom seen. They hunt insects among the trees at night and spend much of the day resting under loose bark or in tree crevices. They are the only frogs in New Hampshire that have sticky toe pads that enable them to cling to vertical surfaces, even glass.

For most plants and animals, freezing causes ice crystals to form. These crystals effectively rupture the cells, allowing fluids to escape. (Think about what happens to lettuce when it freezes... it turns to mush due to ruptured cells.) Most local amphibians survive winter by burrowing into the muddy bottom of ponds. The mud is cold, but it does not freeze. Unlike most of their local cousins, gray tree frogs can withstand freezing. Gray tree frogs make lots of natural anti-freeze inside their bodies. This anti-freeze prevents the formation of ice crystals. During winter, gray tree frogs actually do freeze and their hearts and lungs stop working. When the temperature warms in spring, these little wonders thaw out and return to life.

Gray tree frogs do not need water for their daily lives or for hibernation, but they do need access to water for breeding. Breeding season runs from April to August. The females are attracted to the males with the best songs. (To listen to the song, visit <http://wildlifeofct.com/gray%20treefrog.html>.) Once they find the perfect mate, they lay up to 2000 eggs in groups of 10-40 on vegetation. The tadpoles hatch in 4 or 5 days. The tiny froglets emerge from the water in about two months.

The next time you walk in the woods or near a pond, listen for the trill of these frogs. If you are really lucky, you might be able to see this small hidden treasure.

Something's Fishy Here

Free migration for fish is crucial to achieve healthy fish populations and ecosystems. While most fish are migratory to some degree, some species like salmon, sturgeon, trout, herring, shad, lamprey and American eel must migrate thousands of miles to complete their life cycles. If they can't migrate, the populations will suffer. Sadly, this has happened with many species in different places around the world already.



Image from www.dnr.state.md.us

The New Hampshire Dept. of Fish and Game is working hard to make sure that adult river herring can successfully migrate from the sea back to spawning areas well inland. Work on the Lamprey River has been particularly successful. So successful, in fact, that the U.S. Congress has declared that the Lamprey River is included in the National Wild and Scenic River System. Migratory fish played a crucial role in that nomination.

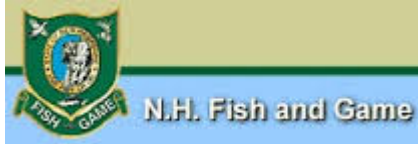
To learn more and play an active role in helping river herring get from the sea back into the Lamprey River, join the folks from Fish and Game and the Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee on **Saturday, May 10, from 10:00 to noon** as they gather fish and help them get up and over the McCallen Dam in Newmarket. Participants might also view see-through baby American eels and prehistoric sea lampreys.

This rain-or-shine event is free and registration is not required. Park in the public lot behind the Newmarket Public Library on Route 108. Follow the

fish signs to the event. For those wishing to get up close and personal with the fish, we recommend rubber boots or old sneakers that can get wet or muddy.

We're daring you not to miss the herring this year. See you on May 10th!

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Coming this Summer: Hike It, Bike It, Like It



The Lamprey River is a great place to pursue many recreational activities. This summer, the Lamprey River Advisory Committee will lead participants on three low-impact, family-friendly activities. The first will involve exploring the natural and human history of the Wiswall Falls area in Durham. The second will be a guided bike tour/nature activity along the abandoned rail corridor in Newmarket. The third and final activity will entail enjoying the historic, natural, and play resources at Mary Blair Park in Epping. All activities will last up to two hours and participants are invited to bring a lunch to enjoy along the shores of the Lamprey.

Stay tuned for more details or contact us at info@lampreyriver.org to request notification.

Introducing the Stewardship Network of New England



The Stewardship Network of New England is a new regional effort led by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to connect environmental groups looking for volunteer help with volunteers looking to join an environmental cause. The website is up and running and has a

calendar of projects that allow volunteers and organizations to connect. The website will soon allow volunteers to request customized notifications according to geographical area, type of activity, time of day, or day of the week. If you want to help our planet Earth, small actions when combined can make a real difference.

Visit

<http://extension.unh.edu/Volunteer/Stewardship-Network-New-England> for more information.

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 May and June, 2014.

NOTE: log on to cwrtnh.org for membership, board members and CWRT-NH news

May 16, 2014 – Carrie Brown – “Winning the War, Shaping the Peace”

June 20, 2014 – Dave Nelson – “Union Sailors of the Civil War”

July/August – No meetings

Submitted by Dan Bennis Board Member, CWRT-NH
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Titanic 102 years later

REMEMBERING RMS TITANIC

Submitted by Dan Bennis, updated April, 2014

On the 14th and 15th of April, 2012, the world remembered the loss of **RMS TITANIC**, 100 years earlier. Her sinking stunned the world. Even more tragic was the loss of so many lives. **TITANIC** and her sister ships made an impact on early 20th century society.

BEGINNING

In 1907, over dinner, Joseph Bruce Ismay (**12 December 1862 – 17 October 1937**) Managing Director of the White Star Line of Liverpool, Great Britain, and William James Pirrie, 1st Viscount Pirrie, KP, PC (Ire) (**31 May 1847 – 7 June 1924**) Chairman of Harland and Wolff Shipyard, Belfast, Ireland, the sole ship builder for White Star Line conceived the idea of building large ships to transport passengers from Europe to America. Founded in 1845, in 1902 the White Star Line became part of the conglomerate International Mercantile Marine Company chaired by American industrialist John Pierpont "J. P." Morgan (**April 17, 1837 – March 31, 1913**).

The first of the new liners, **OLYMPIC**, launched on October 20, 1908, her sister ship **TITANIC** launched May 11, 1911 and later the **BRITANNIC** launched on February 26, 1914. They were marvels of technology and were built by the dedicated and skilled workers of the Harland and

Wolff Shipyard. The **TITANIC** was 882.5 feet long, 92.5 feet wide and displaced 52,000 tons.

DEPARTURE AND MAIDEN VOYAGE

On April 2, 1912, the **TITANIC** left the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland and arrived at the White Star Line dock in Southampton, England. On April 10, 1912, she set sail on her maiden voyage to New York, New York, USA under the command of veteran Captain Edward John Smith, RD, RNR (**27 January 1850 – 15 April 1912**). As she set sail, disaster was narrowly averted when the suction from the **TITANIC**'s propellers tore loose the mooring line that tied up the American liner **CITY OF NEW YORK**. Tugboats guided the **CITY OF NEW YORK** back to safety. (The name of the American liner is an irony).

Off schedule, **TITANIC** dropped anchor off Cherbourg, France to disembark passengers and take on more. Her next stop was Queenstown, Ireland. When she cleared the shores of Ireland, the ship had 1315 passengers and 900 crewmembers on board. Her next port of call was New York, New York and her arrival date was scheduled for April 17, 1912.

VOYAGE

Over the course of the next three days, the weather and sea were calm and passengers and crew became familiar with the ship. Accommodations were made for all passengers according to class.

One of the newest technologies on **TITANIC** was the wireless telegraph invented by Guglielmo Marconi (**25 April 1874 – 20 July 1937**). It became a big attraction for the passengers who wanted to send messages to families and friends in New York.

John George "Jack" Phillips, the senior radio operator (**11 April 1887 – 15 April 1912**) and Harold Sydney Bride (**11 January 1890 – 29 April 1956**) were busy sending and receiving ordinary messages. Iceberg cautions were transmitted by other ships in the area, but icebergs were a common sight in the North Atlantic in April. Though 20 or more alerts were received, no cautionary measures were taken by the crew.

COLLISION AND SINKING

(All Times Are Newfoundland Standard Times)

On Sunday, the 14th of April, the weather was fair and clear. Passengers were dressing for church services, later engaging in leisurely activities. Soon, dinner was served and many passengers dined in their finest attire. The sun was setting and night approached with cold temperatures, variable winds, and light fog.

Frederick Fleet (15 October 1887 – 10 January 1965) and Reginald Robinson Lee (19 May 1870 – 6 August 1913) were perched 100 feet up in the crow's nest that was essentially a big basket for lookouts. Their task was to look for any signs of icebergs or other hazards to the ship.

At 11:40 pm, Fleet sighted a large dark mass at approximately 500 yards ahead. He pulled the cord on the warning bell three times and then phoned the bridge.

The following is the basic communication between Fleet and the officer on the bridge:

Fleet asked, *"Is there anyone there?"*

Sixth Officer James Moody (21 August 1887 – 15 April 1912) answered, *"Yes, what do you see?"*

Fleet exclaimed, *"Iceberg, right ahead!"*

Moody answered, *"Thank you."*

Immediately the helm was ordered to steer the ship clear of the iceberg that was now on the starboard side. It was too late, the solid and sharp edges of the iceberg under the surface had caused serious damage to Titanic at the level of the lower decks. The ship was now taking on water and had only three hours till she slipped beneath the surface.

Captain Smith ordered the ship sounded for damage and the results were what the Captain feared; his final command was doomed and had only three hours till she slipped beneath the surface. Orders were given to uncover the lifeboats. The two radio operators Phillips and Bride were instructed to send distress signals for help. Initially the message "CQD" was sent then later changed to the newest signal "SOS." Many ships including **TITANIC's** sister ship **OLYMPIC** answered and attempted to assist the stricken ship. One vessel the Cunard liner **CARPATHIA** under the command of Captain Arthur Rostrum, was around 58 miles to the south and was soon steaming at full steam to offer assistance. The Leyland liner **CALIFORNIAN** within visual distance of **TITANIC**, ignored any calls for help.

Time was against the stricken vessel, crewmembers were placing women and children in lifeboats. Passengers, many wearing their dinner attire or in sleeping wear were crowding the decks, trying to comprehend, shocked that this great ship was sinking beneath them.

At 1:15 am the forward part of the ship was beneath the surface. At 2:20 am the largest liner in the world slipped beneath the cold North Atlantic, leaving floating debris and many passengers in the freezing waters. The 20 lifeboats, some not full, were the only reminder of **TITANIC**.

The loss of life was staggering, some 1500 people were lost either from the sinking or dying from hypothermia even with their cork life vests. Half of the ship's officers including Captain Smith and Thomas Andrews, the ship's designer from Harland and Wolff, went down with the ship. The ship's band playing to the very end perished as well. Marconi operator Phillips survived the sinking only to die from the frigid temperatures of the water.

At 4:00 am the **CARPATHIA** arrived on the scene and rescued some 700 passengers and crew. **TITANIC's** 20 lifeboats were placed on the deck of **CARPATHIA** and the fully laden vessel set a course for New York, New York.

AFTERMATH

The loss of **TITANIC** prompted inquiries in the US and Great Britain. The result was implementation of stricter lifesaving equipment; an ample number of lifeboats and radio operators on duty 24 hours with split shift schedules.

The International Ice Patrol, formed in 1914, is an organization whose purpose is monitoring the presence of icebergs in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and reporting their movements for safety purposes. It is operated by the United States Coast Guard but is funded by the 13 nations interested in trans-Atlantic navigation.

The wreck of **TITANIC** sits on the floor of the North Atlantic facing the direction of a port she never made. Every year a wreath is dropped overboard by the US Coast Guard at the ship's last recorded position (41.46N, 50.14W).

Thanks to Doctor Robert Ballard of Woods Hole and other exploration teams, **TITANIC** is now on public view all over the world. The ship is a tomb and a memorial.

I do not claim to be an expert on **TITANIC** but I felt a need to write this article. Therefore I dedicate my writing in memory of the lives lost and saved and the heroics displayed by many on the 14th and 15th of April, 1912.



Epping Garden Club

The Epping Garden Club would like to thank those who supported us by purchasing a Pansy Bowl. Nothing says Spring Has Arrived like a window box with these pretty flowers or a bowl on your front steps to welcome you. We hope you all enjoy them. Move them to the east side of your home and pinch off the spent flowers to promote more blooms as the days get warmer. They will

also need to be watered!

We are hoping to get some planting done at our Safety Complex. Can you help? Call 300-0064 and leave your name and number if you have an hour or two to help us with a mass planting of perennials and we will call you when we set up a date and time. We will also post it to our Facebook Page so please stop by and "LIKE" us to get up to the minute postings of upcoming plant sales and fundraisers we will be holding. We will need people who are good with a shovel and maybe an eye for design.

We are also looking to re-establish an "Adopt - A - Corner" where local neighborhoods with an unsightly corner or intersection can contact us and help design and care for it. With just four of us currently in the Epping Garden Club we can't do all we want around town, on our own.

For the local businesses who now call our town home, we would love for them to get a team of dependable workers together who could clean up an area. And help us plant and care for it, not only with manpower but with funds too. A local nursery could provide plants, a group could set up a plan to keep the site watered till it was fully established. We could provide mulch and it would have to be kept weeded. The areas have to be done in such a way that it doesn't hinder travel and public safety so you would need to contact us to get started. A lot goes into doing these intersections and corners. Signs could be placed stating which business or group is caring for the area, as a way to get support for your group as well. The plan would be for us to all work together to get the Town of Epping looking good! We are having a birthday soon! Please support the town you call home or do business in.

We would love flower bulb donations, plant divisions from local businesses as well as residents, as we have done just that in the past. We can always use empty flowerpots so please do not fill our landfill with them. Send an email to eppinggardenclub@gmail.com or call 300-0064 for a spot to drop them off for us.

More later on the Epping Garden Club efforts but feel free to drop a note if you have some great ideas too!

Thanks,

Epping Garden Club

Submitted by Eunice Miller



Leddy Center

Leddy Center Director Elaine Gatchell has announced Leddy Center Summer Camps with Mary Gatchell, Jennifer Solomon and Melissa Ransdell. Camps include:

Summer Camp Sing Out I (ages 6-9) June 23-27 from 3:30-5:30 pm

Summer Camp Sing Out II (ages 10-14) June 30-July 1

Summer Mini-Musical Camp I (ages 5-7) July 28 – August 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Summer Mini-Musical Camp II (ages 8-10) July 28-August 1 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Please call Leddy Center, Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at 679-2781 for camp availability before registering online at www.leddycenter.org.

The next production at the Leddy Center will be the musical "Guys and Dolls," on stage from **July 11 to 27**. It will be followed by 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 Leddy 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 – May 12, Tuesday May 27; June 9, 23 –

Selectmen – 7 pm

Tuesday – May 6; June 10 – Water & Sewer– 7 pm

Tuesday – May 20; June 17 – Library Trustees
– 7 pm

Tuesday – May 13; June 10 – Conservation

Commission – 7 pm

Wednesday – May 21; June 18 – Budget Committee
– 7 pm

Wednesday – May 7; June 4 – Recreation

Commission – 7 pm

Thursday – May 1, 15; June 5, 19 – School Board
– 7 pm

Thursday – May 8; June 12 – Planning Board
– 6 pm

Friday – May 16; June 20 – 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

Tuesday meetings are rebroadcast:

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

Wednesday meetings are rebroadcast:

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.

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

Congratulations to the Bat Patrol and Patriot Patrol

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 Arrows of Light. 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 Scouts a success!

Past Events:

Pinewood Derby: The boys had a great time racing their cars. There were 45 boys racing and some very clever designs. Thanks to Hank for a smooth running derby this year and the pit crew and all the volunteers who chipped in. Fun was had by all!

Pack 136 family campout: The boys and their families had a great time camping at Camp Carpenter in Manchester, NH. Everyone had fun and the Patrols crossed over into Boy Scouts. Good luck to them in Troop 136.

Upcoming Events:

May Pack meeting at the EMS café on
Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm.

Historic District Family Campout: When: **May 17th and 18th**. Where: Camp Carpenter

Memorial Day Parade: **May 26th**. Starting at the American Legion at 9:00 am.

Flag Retirement Day: When: **June 14th** Where: American Legion In Epping. Come learn how to properly retire and dispose of an American flag in a respectful way.

June Pack Meeting at the EMS café on
Wednesday, June 18th at 6:30 pm.

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 handicapped accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information about joining Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Michael Page** at michael.page.nh@gmail.com or contact him at cubmaster@pack136epping.org

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

Submitted by Rainy Melton

Boy Scout Troop 136

Troop 136 has been "springing forward" as the weather turned from winter to spring.

In March, the Troop challenged their vertical limits as many of them worked on their rock climbing merit badge at the indoor climbing wall in Dover. Scouts learned the knots associated with the sport, as well as belay techniques, bouldering techniques, and safety procedures. After a strenuous but exciting day, the boys restored their strength by consuming large amounts of pizza!

In April the Scouts participated in the District Pinewood Derby for the Cub Scouts by selling concessions to all the local Packs that sent derby entrants. The Troop was joined for this activity and many others by Webelos from Pack 136, as they prepared to cross over to Boy Scouting on April 25th.

The Troop committee thanks Jim and Lise Johnson for their role over the past couple years as the Troop treasurer. The committee welcomes Peter Gibb as the new treasurer. The committee also welcomes the addition of Pat Oumansour as the new Troop committee vice chairman.

The Scouts have many things planned over the next few months such as the Spring Survival Camporee in Gilmanton **May 2 - 4**, camping at the Straws property in Epping **June 13 - 15**, 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

Summer Fun 2014.

Join us for summer FULL of fun and excitement! You'll cook out over a fire, create amazing craft projects, play games and sing silly songs, and of course make NEW FRIENDS.

We offer one and two week programs for girls in Pre-K through 8th grade. Girls don't have to be current Girl Scouts to participate in our summer programming.

Day Camp fees: \$190 - \$360, bussing included.

Before and After Care is available, as well.

Camp runs from July 7 to August 1 from 9-4 pm.

Camp Open House is **June 8th** from 1 to 3 pm at 350 Banfield Rd, Portsmouth, NH. For more information email: jriendeau@girlscoutsgwm.org

New Advisory Council Members for UNH Cooperative Extension



New members to the UNH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County Advisory Council are, from left, Elizabeth Webster of Hampton Falls, Chris Bogard of Epping, and Marge Badois of Londonderry.

UNH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County, recently welcomed four new members to its Advisory Council. The Council is made up of 14 citizens who are elected volunteers. The Advisory Council advises and assists UNH Cooperative Extension in the implementation of local Extension programs.

Marjorie (Marge) Badois is a real estate agent at Keller Williams Realty in Londonderry. Badois has an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Floriculture & Ornamental Horticulture from Alfred State College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ornamental Horticulture & Secondary Education from Cornell University. She was active in 4-H when she was young, is a member of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, and a UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.

Chris Bogard of Epping is a volunteer land steward for Southeast Land Trust, a Speaking for Wildlife volunteer for UNH Cooperative Extension, a New Hampshire licensed wildlife rehabilitator specializing in turtles, and formerly served as manager of the Epping Farmers Market. Bogard holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies. In 2013, she received the Wildlife Rehabilitator Award from New Hampshire Fish and Game for her dedication and rehabilitation of Nongame, Threatened and Endangered turtles in New Hampshire.

Rep. Maureen Mann is in her third term in the NH House, representing Rockingham District 32, which includes Candia, Deerfield, Northwood, and Nottingham. Mann is a former educator and small

business owner, and serves as clerk of the Committee of Public Works and Highways. In February of 2014 she received the policy/advocacy award from NOFA-NH because of her work on HB 660, a bill requiring the labeling of genetically engineered foods. Mann wrote a grant to start The Forum, a primarily online newspaper serving interior Rockingham County. The paper is entering its tenth year, and in 2007 won the national Knight Batten Award for Citizen Journalism.

Elizabeth Webster of Hampton Falls started working in the family business, Dodge's Farm & Garden, at the age of 12 in 1975, when their first store opened in Hampton Falls. She is the chairperson on the Board of Wardens at the First Congregational Church of Hampton, and is a former secretary of the Lincoln Akerman School's PTO.

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. For more information, or to learn about educational programs in Rockingham County, call (603) 679-5616 or visit www.extension.unh.edu.

American Legion News

Car Show & Pig Roast Fundraisers for the NH Association for the Blind

On **Saturday, May 17th**, the American Legion Post 51 on Rte. 125 in Epping is hosting their **4th Annual Car Show** and a **Pig Roast** to benefit the **New Hampshire Association for the Blind**. The **4th Annual Car Show** will take place from noon to 4:00 pm and admission is free. Come show your car - 1975 and earlier! There will be First Place, Second Place, and People's Choice Awards. No Entry Fee. Donations accepted. Raffles and 50/50. That same day we are also having a **PIG ROAST** with all the fixin's which will be available for purchase around 1 pm. Other foods (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) will be available for purchase as well. A cash bar will be open. Both events will be held in the parking lot of the American Legion on Route 125 in Epping (across from Telly's Restaurant). **RAINDATE is May 18th**. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** please call Judy Pelletier at (434) 835-7928. **All proceeds from the CAR SHOW and the PIG ROAST will be donated to the New Hampshire Association for the Blind**. They are the statewide leader in providing vision

rehabilitation services for NH people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. Founded in 1912, it provides services in virtually every community statewide and at the McGreal Sight Center in Concord. For more information please check out their website at <http://sightcenter.org/> or call 1-800-464-3075.

Comedy Night June 21st

There will be a COMEDY NIGHT at the American Legion in Epping on **Saturday, June 21st**. Comedian Jay Grove, "Everyone's Hometown Comic", will be entertaining us along with two other comedians. Doors open at 8:30 pm and the show starts at 9 pm. \$10/per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the bartender in the Canteen at the Epping Legion or they can be purchased at the door that night. A cash bar will be open. The event will be held in the non-smoking Harry Bradshaw Memorial Hall of the Legion on Route 125 in Epping (across from Telly's) 679-8320. You can check out Jay Grove's website at <http://jaygrove.com/index.html>.

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, May 11th** and **Sunday, June 8th**. 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

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

The Epping Community Church worship service is every Sunday at 9:00 am. We are handicapped accessible on the side of the building and have a new elevator to take you to the 2nd floor for the service. We have a praise band that plays twice a month and our chancel choir sings weekly. On special occasions our bell choir will play. We feel so blessed to have such amazing musical talent in our congregation. Please come and join us. We'd love to welcome you!

Friday Night Pizza is running every Friday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. You can come and order a pizza and sit and enjoy it or call the church at 679-5542 and order for take out!

Our May dinner on **Saturday, May 17th** will be turkey with all of the fixings once again. On **Saturday, June 21st**, we will offer a turkey pot pie dinner and then a pork dinner in July. The meals are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. You can also get these meals to go if you'd like!

There will be a pancake breakfast at the church on **Saturday, May 10th** from 7:00 to 9:00 am. In the evening on **May 10th** at 7:00 pm the Praise Band will be playing at the church.

We will be having a yard sale on **Saturday, June 7th** from 7:00 to 11:00 am at the church. Come and take a look to see if there is something that you just can't live without!!! All of the proceeds will be going to our building fund.

The Epping Community Care Food Pantry is open on Saturday from 8:00 - 10:00 am. We continue to receive monetary as well as food donations from various organizations and people in our community. These donations are vital to continue this outreach in our community. We are thankful for every dollar and every food item donated! If you would like to donate food items to the food pantry the following are suggested items that are needed: Cereal, canned fruit, crackers, spaghetti sauce, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soups, baked beans, juice, mac & cheese. We also can use personal hygiene items such as, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, etc. These items can be dropped off during food pantry or Soup Café hours or during Friday night pizza.

We are just about to put our Coats of Caring program away for the summer months. In the fall when you are cleaning out closets and find that you have gently worn coats, snow pants, hats and gloves, please think of us. We are always looking for warm outer wear for the cold winter months.

The Soup of the Day Café is doing very well. This is a free lunch that is offered every Thursday from 11:00 - 12:30 at the Epping Community Church. We currently offer two kinds of homemade soups with salad, crackers, and usually a couple of yummy desserts. This is a great time to come and visit with friends and neighbors, old and new!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

Mass schedule weekdays:

Monday 8:00 am
Tues, Thurs, Fri. 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am

Mass schedule Weekend:

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Adoration Mondays – 12 noon to 9:00 pm

First Friday – 8:00 am to midnight

First Saturday – midnight to 7:45 am

May 21st – Healing Service following 7:00 pm mass

May 26th – Memorial Day mass at St. Joseph cemetery 9:00 am

June 7th – Fishing Derby – registration at 7:30 am, Conservation Pond at the Old Fox Run Campground.

June 8th – Pentecost

June 22nd – Parish Picnic

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

Closed: **Monday, May 26th** for Memorial Day

Big Trees of New Hampshire

Join us on **Saturday, May 10th** at 10:30 am. Epping resident Kevin Martin will talk about short hikes to big trees! Copies of his book will be available for purchase,

Preschooler Story Times with Miss Eva

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

Join us for stories and crafts on Mondays at 11:15 am and 1:00 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am and Fridays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm.

2014 Summer Reading Program

June 30th – August 7th Grades K through 8.

Summer Book Camp

Come to "Summer Book Camp." Registration begins on June 23rd.

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 Y.O.U.T.H.

(Youth Organizations Unite To Help)

1. Educational Driving Program

Dan Strollo --- www.DriveInControl.org and Roy Hurlbert of Hurlbert Toyota in Epping, and the area Car Dealer Association, are offering an educational driving program specific to crash prevention. Please see the video detailing the program that recently aired on Channel 5's Chronicle: http://youtu.be/w0V6S_zZuK8

The **Drive In Control Program** has been around for 11 years, and re-organized as a Non-profit three years ago. In that short time they have trained 25,000 students, and independent research has shown 70% reduction in crashes of their graduates! They train teens prior to taking their driving test, and adults of all ages, at Pease and North Andover, MA. One drill is the 60mph Emergency stop! The cost for the 4-½ hour course is \$350, only \$230 for an additional family member, and there are discounts available. 8:30 am and 1:00 pm times are available. The course usually counts towards driving hours and auto insurance discounts!

2. Community Center Committee

The Survey is in your mailbox!!! Return it by April 30th!!!

Thanks to **Kim Milliken** for drafting, and re-drafting!

Thanks to **Heather Clark** for printing and distributing! And to everyone for brainstorming!

You will find the link to the Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SPMSNZ8>

There have already been 70 Survey Monkey responses, before residents have had it in their mailboxes!

3. SRO --- Russ Hero

Russ will be meeting with the School administration soon to discuss plans for how and where to best utilize the School Resource Officer! He will start in September, and will be teaching the DARE and Explorer Programs.

4. Granite Youth Alliance - Youth Media Project

EMS/Nick. - EHS/Melorah and Justin. Youth choose their Substance Abuse Topic and O'Neil Cinemas will again host a video Premiere!

A recent Panel Event with 17 adults in the film, art, & media business, available to support and give feedback to the 6 teams of youth for their media project!

5. Leadership Groups

EHS The 10+ students have been using the fun

and interactive Samantha Skunk Program to teach Prescription Drug Safety to the EES students!

EMS The 20-30 students are working on peer education and support.

Next Meetings: Tuesdays May 20 & June 17

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.

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 with us 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.

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 School District News

From Superintendent Barbara D. Munsey:

Over the past few years the Epping School District has made administrative reductions at both the school and district level in response to changing student needs and fiscal realities. At the same time increasing demands from state curriculum, assessment, professional development, and evaluation requirements have taken more administrative time. This school year staff, administration, and parents have provided feedback requesting that the district re-evaluate these administrative changes to better meet the needs of students, staff, and community.

Throughout the school year the Epping School Board has continued to discuss this feedback and assess various administrative models. It has been determined that there is a definite need and the best administrative model is one principal and one assistant principal for each school. In order to best serve students, staff, and community the district will be implementing this administrative model next school year.

Personnel presently serving as administrators will continue in existing or new roles. Mr. Mark Vallone and Ms. Erin Milbury will continue to serve Epping Elementary School as Principal and Assistant Principal respectively. Ms. Christine Hebert will continue to serve Epping Middle School as Assistant Principal. The District has posted an opening for Middle School Principal. Mr. Kyle Repucci will continue to serve Epping High School as School Principal. The District has posted an opening for High School Assistant Principal. School staff, students, and parents are encouraged to participate in the selection process. More information is and will be posted on the district website at <http://www.sau14.org>.

School Board Meeting Schedule

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

May 1st and 15th

June 5th and 19th

Epping Family Morning Out on Fridays, 9:30 – 11 am.

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

Epping Students in the News

Named to Dean's List for Fall Semester 2013:

Keene State College

Olivia Griffi

Trisha Mills

Siena College

Taylor Booth

North Shore Community College:

Krista Delcourt

Sergey Onokhin

Western New England

Kayla R. Vasseur

Southern New Hampshire University at Manchester

Nathan Boudreau

Richard Hammett

Named to the President's List for Fall 2013 at Southern New Hampshire University at Manchester

Austyn Eldridge

Richard Violette

Epping Elementary School (EES)

EES School Calendar

May 5 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

May 5-9 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 6, 7 – Grade 1 Field Trip to Children's Museum of NH

May 7 – Grade 4 Field Trip to State House and Historical Society

May 13 – 15 – NECAP Science testing for Grade 4

May 14 – Grade 5 Parents' Information Night at EMS – 6:30-7:30 pm

May 15 – Grades 4 and 5 Unified Arts Showcase Night – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

May 16 – Principal's Coffee – 8:30 – 9:30 am in EES Library

May 26 – **MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**

May 29, 30 – Grade 3 Field Trip to the Children's Museum of NH

May 29 – Spring Concert for Beginning and 2nd Year Band and Chorus – 7 pm

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

June 18 – Grade 3 Field Trip to SEE Science Center

June 20 – PTO Carnival from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

June 25 – End of year Celebration – Grades 1 – 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 am

June 25 – Awards Assembly – Grade 5 – 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Last Day of School for Students

Quarter 3 Honor Roll

Grade 3

High Honors:

Brooke Bacon, Cooper Bernier, Ethan Coldsmith, Jared DeCourcy, Leah Hackett, Brady Lewis, Nathan McTague, Sophia Morang, Lindsey Parents, Miriam Peck, Luke Snyder, Tyler Valdez,

Honors:

Sophie Bade, Jada Barlett, Kaelin Beattie, Christel Bellen, Kaitlyn Chapman, Tyler Curtis, Aiden Dyer, Alison Galante, Olivia Gosselin, Sam Gosselin, Kaylin Hennessy, Jordan Horton, Daniel Johnson, Emma LaChapelle, Cassidy Lustenberger, Mackenzie Milbury, Pacy Morgado, Brooke Needham, Brady Powicki, Annalee Roy, Carly Sanborn, Lucas Schleich, Olivia Sousa, Alexa Williamson, Aaron Wyatt

Grade 4

High Honors:

Kaitlyn Boelter, Sarah Brassil, Ethan Chevalier, Melissa Daigle, Trey Finkelstein, Jade Gagnon, Jessica Galante, Julia Hardy, Elizabeth Hobbs, Katrina Jansson, Jacob Loving, Sasha McCabe, Patrick McTague, David Meyer, Wyatt Noel, Aryana Patnaude, Mikey Picard, Abby Purchas, Maxwell Simpson, Jacklyn Tracy, Morgan Witmer

Honors:

Will Barker, Jacob Brown, James Dross, Sydney Farris, Owen Finkelstein, John Gaynor, Alex Greubel, Ryan Hibbard, Zachary Hodgman, Abby Houston, Jackson Knox, Zachary Leblanc, Ciretta Mackenzie, Stamatis Maschas, Kevin O'Connell, Zachary Orthman, Mikhail Ozols, Ryan Page, Gracie Re, Rachel Robinson, Zachary Rogers, Aaron Sable, Caden Snell, Cavan Snell, Domenic Spinelli, Rachel Swanson, Molly Tessier, Haley Williamson,

Grade 5

High Honors:

Alex Bade, Delaney Clough, Isabelle Deary, Tyson Dionne, Nico Greubel, Alexa Guarente, Taylor Holt, Andrew LeBlanc, Jack LePage, Mackenzie McAniff, Dillon McKenzie, Peter McTague, Taya Morgado, Arianna Murphy, Meaghan Murphy, Jenna Needham, Ciara Patey, Luke Rossel, Abigail Roy, Emma Roussel, Abigail Walsh, Maddy Walsh, Alex Wyatt

Honors:

Josh Coolidge, Cody DeLorge, Spencer Gaudreau, Kolin Hartford, Alyssa Higginbottom, Kaylee Hill, Trevor Hovey, Katrina Jennings, Scott Johnson, Megan Lambert, Erika MacLeod, Ryan MacVicar, Jack Meyer, Ben Milbury, Will Morasco, Emma O'Brien, David Parents, Ryan Pinkham, Kaitlyn Prince, Kate Roussel, Brandon Spechuilli, Nicolas Spinelli, Amara Stevens, Haleigh Sullivan, Brynn Sweetsir, Sean Thornton, Cassidy Wall, Megan Webber

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Epping Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction

Epping Middle School inducted 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 led the Induction Ceremony along with Principal Kyle Repucci and Dean of Students Christine Hebert who gave the opening and closing remarks. All new and present members, parents, and guests were 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 Attend Youth and Government, Win Award

For the twenty-first year, Epping Middle School students were selected to be pages at the YMCA's annual Youth and Government Program in Concord. "The purpose of the YMCA Youth and Government program is to prepare young people for moral and political leadership in our State and the United States by providing guidance, training, and an experience in the theory of practice in the American democratic process."

Students attended the two-day session on April 4th and 5th, accompanied by chaperones Mrs. Susan McGeough and Mr. Donald Bouchard.

Students act as pages for the Senate, the legislative committees, or the Governor's Council, that are made up of high school students from across the state. Students sit in on reviews of bills and observe the mock legislature and learn about the legislative process.

EMS student participants were: Stephanie DiFrancesco, Emma Coolidge, Katie Pelletier, Ryan Donovan, Nathaniel Marshall, Mikayla Ball, Casey Needham, Gracia Jordan, Casey Munguia, and Anna Re. Alternates were: Meghan Galante and Althea DeMarais.

Mikayla Ball was awarded the Ron Pelchat Page Leadership Award. This award is given to the page who best demonstrates Ron's traits of commitment and dependability. Congratulations!

EMS & EHS Raise Money for Typhoon Relief

On Thursday evening, March 27, groups of Epping Middle and High Schools' faculty, staff, students, and community volunteers sponsored a charity basketball game to raise money for All Hands Volunteers with the proceeds going to the Typhoon Haiyan relief effort in the Philippines. The student team defeated the staff team in overtime. The game was organized by Social Studies teachers Katie Van Nostrand and Tyler Nekton.

Faculty/Staff team members were: Fred Bowden, Ben Bourgoin, Katie Van Nostrand, Tyler Nekton, Nick DeGruttola, Gabe Mosca, Joy Page, and parent Everett Brown.

The student team included middle schoolers: Nathan Webber, Bobby Edwards, Casey Needham, Ben Colban, Addison Bickford, Mercedes Nash, Hunter Bullock, Shawn Hill, Emily Jackson, Meghan Galante, Luke Marchisio, Nathaniel Marshall, Megan Marasca, Adam LePage, and Becky Milbury; and high schoolers: Aziz Zerguine, Jimmy Stanley, Thomas Bullock, Ryan O'Hare, and Brittney Bullock.

Faculty/Staff members Don Bouchard, Susan McGeough, Candace Smith, Juliana Flintosh, Marisa Minichiello, Thelma Thompson, Deanna LaPlante, and Stephanie Arsenault volunteered at the event. Student volunteers included: Anna Re, Gracia Jordan, Kiana Pond, Alexis McDuffee, Rachel Martin, Amar Sappal, Abby Simard, MacKenzie Newman, and Maya Martin.

Tom O'Day (referee) and Jen Little (scorekeeper) were among the community volunteers. Gina Bregani was on hand to represent the All Hands Volunteers.

While admission was free, donations were accepted at the door. These, along with concessions sales, netted \$686 to be donated to the relief effort.

Thanks to all participants and volunteers, especially Ms. Van Nostrand and Mr. Nekton!

EMS Cheerleaders Shine in Tournaments

Epping Middle School's cheerleaders competed in two end-of-the-season tournaments, picking up sixth place in the Tri-County League Tournament held at Sanborn Regional High School on March 6th. The week before the girls had won the Capitol City Tournament in Concord.

Members of the team include: Faith Williamson, Alana Porter, Hannah Armstrong, Molly Gallagher, Ava Montalbano, Sharon Swanson, Isabella, Snyder, Abby Soldani, Kylee Pinkham, Shelby Prestridge, Mercedes Richards, Amber George,

Mya Davidson, Allison Nee, Ashley Martin, Darby Dwyer, Haley Munguia, Madison Downing, Addy Bickford, Jennifer Nikolova, and Evika Toth.

The girls are coached by: Kristen Lockhard, April Vandewalle, Kim Frazer, and Marcy Crossman.

EMS Trip Calendar Sale a Huge Success

Epping Middle School students, faculty, and staff raised over \$6800 to help defray the cost of educational field trips with the recent Calendar Fundraiser. For \$10, those who purchased calendars were eligible to win 31 prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. Drawings were held daily during the month of March and winners were notified by the Middle School office. Thank you to the students, families, and faculty who helped sell calendars to defray the cost of trips at EMS.

The top student sellers in each grade, Dawson Wilson (8), Emily LeBlanc (7), and Molly Gallagher (6) each won \$100 for their efforts. Students and staff were challenged to sell five calendars during the months of January and February. The following students met this goal as members of the "High Five Club":

Grade 6:

Evan Altbergs, Mikayla Berger, Avalon Brown, Derek Dixey, Laura Duguie, Molly Gallagher, Ryan Glass, Jacob Hanson, Alexis Kailey, Oakley Lustenberger, Karissa Martin, Hayden Miller, Ava Montalbano, Trevor Montes, Hannah Priest, Mackenzie Rancati, Madison Rancati, Amar Sappal, Isabella Snyder, Jacob Van Amburgh, Nathan Webber, Faith Williamson

Grade 7:

Hunter Bullock, Emily Finney, Meghan Galante, Shawn Hill, Emma Jackson, Ryan Johnson, Kristina Langdon, Jenna Lavoie, Emilie LeBlanc, Matt LeBlanc, Adam LePage, Megan Marasca, Nathaniel Marshall, Cerys McCabe, Megan McFadden, Mercedes Nash, Allison Nee, Casey Needham, Topher Peck, Kylee Pinkham, Michaela Sable, Abigail Soldani, and Anthony Spinelli

Grade 8:

Keelin Berger, Everett Brown, Emma Coolidge, Maylee Gagnon, Parker Holt, Kiley LaFond, Anthony LoCasio, Kam Martin, Stephanie McDonald, Becky Milbury, Douglas Nadeau, Cat Poulin, Sam Prince, Michael Rainford, Alec Silva, Tyler Wall, Kayla Wells, Caleb West, Dawson Wilson

Administration would like to send a special thank you to faculty members for all of their efforts during this fundraiser.

Quarter 3 Honor Roll:

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

Grade 6:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Calle Bisailon, Laura Duguie, Oakley Lustenberger, Joey Zheng

Highest Honors in Learning:

Laura Duguie, Samantha Johnson, Trey Loving, Oakley Lustenberger, Ava Montalbano, Isabella Snyder, Faith Williamson, Joey Zheng

Honors in Learning:

Logan Aboshar, Evan Altbergs, Hannah Armstrong, Luke Barker, Mikayla Berger, Noah Bilodeau, Calle Bisailon, Avalon Brown, Lyndsey Chevalier, Derek Dixey, Joseph Furey, Molly Gallagher, Ryan Glass, Samantha Johnson, Keyghan Lewis, Karissa Martin, Trevor Montes, Ryan Moulton, Kayla Orthman, Olivia Parents, Hayley Pelletier, Alana Porter, Mackenzie Rancati, Madison Rancati, Peyton Rivers, Sharon Swanson, Makayla Swidrak

Grade 7:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Gracia Jordan, Adam LePage, Maya Martin, Jennifer Nikolova, Lily O'Connell, Juliana Re

Highest Honors in Learning:

Addison Bickford, Benjamin Colban, Brenden Curry, Meghan Galante, Gage Gaudreau, Adam LePage, Maya Martin, Destiny McKay, Allison Nee, Casey Needham, Jennifer Nikolova, Lily O'Connell, Julianna Re, Abby Simard

Honors in Learning:

Mikayla Ball, Adria Bennett, Sarah Braese, Hunter Bullock, Nicholas Clough, Ryan Donovan, Madison Downing, Darby Dwyer, Benjamin Fowler, Anthony Guilfoyle, Emily Jackson, Connor, Jennings, Gracia Jordan, Jenna Lavoie, Matthew LeBlanc, Megan Marasca, Luke Marchisio, Ashley Martin, Rachel Martin, Cerys McCabe, Alexis McDuffee, Megan McFadden, Haley Munguia, MacKenzie Newman, Kaitlyn Nichols, Zachary Oumansour, Christopher Peck, Kylee Pinkham, Kiana Pond, Shelby Prestridge, Mercedes Richards, Lauren Robbins, Michaela Sable, Morgan Shanley, Abigail Soldani, Ashley Spechuilli, Anthony Spinelli, Evika Toth, Josephine Wentworth

Grade 8:

Highest Honors Work Habits/Effort:

Maylee Gagnon, Rebecca Milbury

Highest Honors in Learning:

Everett Brown Jr, Maylee Gagnon, Konrad Hodgman, Chloe Meyers

Honors in Learning:

Keelin Berger, Jacob Bisaillon, Evelyn Carleton, Emma Coolidge, Rachel Davidson, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Rebecca Milbury, Katie Pelletier, Catriona Poulin

Submitted by Bruce Christie

Epping High School (EHS)

Quarter 3 Honor Roll

Epping High School announces its Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 2013/2014 school year. Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 9:

Principal's List:

Madelyn Aurora Bentz, Emily Elizabeth Colban, Alexander James Johnson, Michael Thomas McKay, Jr., Brandi Angelique McKay, Jacob William McKay, Brenna Diann Osgood, Sabrina Kathleen Patterson, Sophia Diana Randall

Honors:

Nicole Marie Dollard, Brian Daniel Duguie, Patricia J. Gibbs, Mark Anthony Marasca, Matthew James Pipitone, Emilee H. Sawyer

Honorable Mention:

Thomas Russell Bullock, Rylee Lynn Chevalier, Eliza Teresa Kucera, Carson Jake Lustenberger, Danielle Cheree McKay, Jaxson Andrew Miller, Anna Mackenzie Murphy, Eric Jackson Rivers, Garrett Calef Snyder

Grade 10:

Principal's List:

Hanna Elizabeth Chomas, Bradley Jamerson George, Madeline Renee Marchisio, Deanna Nicole McCullen, Noelle Ann Nee, Chloe Patricia Pelletier, Bryce Owen Pietrini, Elizabeth Jordan Powell, Sabrina Michelle Rivers, Alexa Dawn Wells

Honors:

Nicholas Cullen Arsenault, Ryen Elizabeth Gallagher, Olivia Mae Goodrich, Ashley Annette Nichols, Cameron Baxter Osgood, Zyan Anthony Prestridge

Honorable Mention:

Abigail Lauren Dulin, Jessica Rose Gosselin, Glenn William Hagan, Melissa Eve Hinton, Ashley Elizabeth Krenzer, Dakota Alan Martel, Katelyn Marie Sable, Bryanna Mae Wilson, Alicia Lyn Zelasko

Grade 11:

Principal's List:

Jeremy James Barbosa, Jannet Desvira, Brooke Katherine Hall, Spencer Hughin Holt, Evan Caird Silva, Rachel Eve Stone, Devon W. Toland, William Kenneth White

Honors:

Sarah Virginia Clements, Morgan Elizabeth Pease, Grant Skylar Stejbach

Honorable Mention:

Seth Joseph Bolduc, Brianna Nichole Campana, John Paul DiFrancesco, Jessica Marie Hardy, Jennifer Morgan Jarosz, Adrianna Angeline Lamparelli Hannah Mezalee Mailhot

Grade 12:

Principal's List:

Ryan Dawson Bentz, Brittney Kam Bullock, Minette Frances Cantrall, Angus Patrick O'Leary, Jillian Claire Venuti

Honors:

Nathan Michael Cameron, Cassidy Christine Garrow, Christina Elizabeth O'Donnell, Jamie Lynne Roy

Honorable Mention:

Katarina Maisoun Ashour, Lauren Ann Goulet, Austin Samuel Hicks, Joseph Daniel Leclerc, Rory James Piecuch, Austin Joseph Pratt, Drew Christopher Royle, Kelly Christine Seaman, Nicholas Richard Young

Sports

DIVISION IV CHAMPIONS!! Congratulations to our Boys Basketball Team and Coach Young!

With the skill, desire and never-give-up determination that characterized our team all season, the Epping Blue Devils defeated Sunapee in an exciting, come-from-behind win for the Division IV Boys Basketball championship. Thanks to ETV taping the game, those of us who couldn't be there, were able to see it. Congratulations to the team and coach Sean Young for a wonderful and exciting season!

Sports Honors

Basketball:

Jimmy Stanley was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year as voted on by the Division IV coaches in the southern region of the state and was one of the six players named to the All-Division IV First Team. He also represented Division IV at the Granite State Senior Games.

Brittney Bullock and **Cassidy Garrow** earned Division IV All-Academic honors. On the boys' side, **Alex Hackett** made the Division IV All-Academic team.

Joe Leclerc was selected for the 61st annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl, one of the eight locals picked to represent New Hampshire in the annual senior All-Star football game against Vermont. This summer's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd, at Dartmouth College, with a 5:30 pm kickoff.

The event, however, runs much deeper. The Shrine Bowl is played for the benefit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled and Burned

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

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

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Epping Calendar of Events for May 2014

April 30	Please return your Community Center Committee Survey
May 1	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
May 2 – 4	Boy Scout Spring Survival Camporee in Greenland
May 3	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
May 5	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
May 5	Epping Seniors trip to Budweiser plant in Merrimack
May 5 – 9	EES Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 6, 7	EES Grade 1 Field Trip to the Children’s Museum of NH
May 7	EES Grade 4 Field Trip to State House and Historical Society
May 8	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station – 1 pm “Sand Sculptures” by J. Gordon
May 9	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
May 10	Library program “Big Trees of NH” by Kevin Martin – 10:30 am
May 10	Epping Community Church Pancake Breakfast 7 – 9 am
May 10	Epping Community Church Praise Band Concert – 7 pm
May 10	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
May 10	Help Herring get from the sea to the Lamprey River at Newmarket 10 am – noon
May 11	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
May 14	Epping Seniors trip to Pepi Hermann Crystal’s Gallery
May 14	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
May 14	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
May 15	EES Grade 4 and 5 Unified Arts Showcase Night – 6 pm
May 15	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
May 16	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
May 16	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
May 17	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
May 17	Epping Community Church Dinner “Turkey Dinner” – 5-7 pm
May 17	American Legion Car Show (12 – 4) and Pig Roast (1 pm)
May 17, 18	Cub Scout Historic District Family Campout at Camp Carpenter
May 18	Rain date for American Legion Car Show and Pig Roast
May 20	Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
May 20	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
May 21	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
May 21	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Epping Middle School Café – 6:30-7:30 pm
May 24	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
May 26	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL Town Hall and Library closed
May 26	Memorial Day Parade
May 27	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
May 28	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
May 28	EES Spring Concert for Grades 1, 2 and 3
May 29	EES Spring Concert for Beginning and Second Year Band and Chorus
May 29, 30	EES Grade 3 Field Trip to the Children’s Museum of NH
May 31	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am

Epping Calendar of Events for June 2014

Date	Event
June 2	EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm
June 5	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
June 7	Epping Community Church Yard Sale – 7-11 am
June 7	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
June 7	St. Joseph Fishing Derby – Registration 7:30 am
June 8	Girl Scout Camp Open House in Portsmouth – 1-3 pm
June 8	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am
June 11	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
June 11	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
June 12	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm
June 13	Epping High School Graduation
June 13	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm
June 13	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
June 13-15	Boy Scout camping on Straw's Property
June 14	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
June 14	Cub Scout Flag Retirement Day at the American Legion
June 17	Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
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June 20	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
June 21	Epping Community Church Dinner “Turkey Pot Pie dinner” – 5-7 pm
June 21	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
June 21	American Legion Comedy Night with comedian Jay Grove
June 23	Library registration for Summer Book Camp
June 23-27	Camp Sing Out I at the Leddy Center
June 24	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
June 25	EES Grades 1-4 End of Year Celebration – 9-11 am
June 25	EES Grade 5 Awards Assembly – 1:15 - 2:45 pm
June 25	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
June 25	DEADLINE DATE for the July-August issue of the Newsletter
June 28	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am
June 30	Summer Reading Program begins at the Library
June 30-July 3	Camp Sing Out II at the Leddy Center
July 1	Taxes are due!

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 **June 25, 2014**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.