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Update on the East West Express

Providing convenient, low-cost transportation to Manchester, airport and Portsmouth

First public transportation between these NH cities

Epping residents will have a new way to travel to Manchester and Portsmouth starting **November 4th**. Flight Line, Inc. is launching the East West Express, a new low-cost shuttle service that will transport commuters, airline passengers and others quickly and efficiently between Portsmouth and Manchester and the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. This hourly service connects two of New Hampshire's major cities, which have had no public transportation between them.

Transportation will be by comfortable climate-controlled vans and will cost \$9 per person from Epping to Manchester and \$10 from Epping to Portsmouth. The rate will be \$19 between Manchester and Portsmouth. East West Express also offers discounts for senior citizens and Medicare recipients and has a frequent rider program at \$10 per trip. Riders will be able to make a reservation on the East West Express website or their toll free line 1-800-245-2525 to guarantee a seat. There will be free parking at the Portsmouth Transportation Center and at the Epping Park and Ride shuttle stops. From the Portsmouth Transportation Center, passengers can connect to the **Coast bus** for continued transportation to downtown Portsmouth as well as several other locations.

"We built this service with frequent trips and low cost to make it so convenient that you will have a hard time justifying not taking the service," said Jamie Dowd, president of East West Express and its parent company Flight Line, Inc. "Epping now has the most frequent and most convenient public transportation service in all of NH. It will allow airport and work commuters to relax and travel in comfort."

East West Express has received initial funding from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

East West Express is an hourly shuttle service between Portsmouth, Epping, Manchester and Manchester-Boston (MHT) Airport in NH. This service is operated by Flight Line, Inc., of Salem, NH, which has been in the business of providing professional shuttle service for more than 30 years. Reservations can be made through their website <http://eastwestnh.com/> or toll-free line **1-800-245-2525**.

Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens continue their activities at the Fire Department, but just like visiting the kids, we're anxious to go home to Watson. The Fire Department is a great friend. We are participating in their Toy Drive for children in Epping. They, in turn, are participating in our Food Drive for families in Epping.

Our **December 12th** meeting will evolve into our annual festive Christmas party. This year we'll enjoy the hospitality of the Masons and an amazing dinner catered by Ms. Misty Gline of Blake Road, Epping.

We have been pretty busy since our last newsletter. One fun trip was to Rockport, MA, where the sun was high, the food excellent and the shopping.....well, what can I say.

Our annual Day of Caring in Plaistow was another success. We helped prepare more than 20,000 letters to be mailed by the Rockingham County Nutrition Office seeking donations. We're glad it's once a year. Dealing with that many envelopes at one time is overwhelming. Makes you think twice about those Christmas cards.

Apparently 2013 was our year for trains, trains, trains. First, we went back in time to the Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, ME - actually, way back even before our time, but fun to see and ride. Next, our ride to Old Orchard Beach on the Amtrak was also fun and right at our time. Then, we scaled way down and enjoyed the Allen Train ride right here in Epping. It was a beautiful day for riding the smallest train, rails and trestles, thanks to member Virginia Allen and Engineer; grandson Bobby. Of course, all of these excursions included lunch, even a picnic.

We recently attended the Healthy Senior Citizen Expo in Portsmouth. It was nice visiting so many organizations and services all under one roof. We were encouraged to learn of so many services available to senior citizens. A speaker from one of the services will attend our November meeting to explain the new Affordable Care Act. As senior citizens, we may be approaching it differently from others.

A special program in October featured Kevin Skarupa, Meteorologist at WMUR-TV. He was very personable and really knew the weather history of New Hampshire. It felt like a test because we remembered most of it.....back to a point. We're not sure he succeeded in shooting down the rumor that we are in for a bad winter. The frosting on that cake was his prediction that we **may** see snow in

mid November.....Nah! We did see ourselves on WMUR the following morning and that was fun.

A trip to the Beacon Resort is planned for December. Another plan for December is a trip to Loudon to enjoy their Tunnel of Christmas Lights. After that, we're going to relax and enjoy the holiday season with our families and friends. Next meeting - next Year!

One of my favorite words is "**again**." It sort of means forever. So, **AGAIN**, we thank our community for showing such caring and respect for its senior citizens. It's a great place to live and grow.

A special thanks goes way out to our friend and provider, Recreation Director, Nicole Bizzaro! She has enabled us to visit so many places and do so many things. What a gem. She is not only helpful and efficient but so much fun – quite an asset to the Town.

Here is our wish for you all.....A very Happy and **Healthy** New Year. Take the time for that second cup of coffee and don't forget....dark chocolate is now on the top of your "to-do" list. It's always been on the top of ours.

Our advice: walk slower and enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends. Stuff the stress in a drawer and take in the magic of the season. Then spread it around for as long as you can.

Do you agree.....putting your phone away and paying attention to those talking to you? There's an APP for that. It's call "Respect"

Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary

News From the Town

The **Town Holiday Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 8th** at the Town Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 pm followed by the Caroling Walk with Santa to the Tree Lighting at 5:00 pm

Town Hall will be **closed**:

November 11 in remembrance of Veteran's Day

November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25 for the Christmas Holiday

January 1 for a Happy New Year!

Latest News from Brickyard Square

900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria, a wood-fired pizzeria offering a martini and wine bar, live entertainment and more, is now open in the Square. The Beach Plum has received approval from the Epping Planning Board and will have a stand-alone building in the Square. Kay Jewelers and AT & T will be opening soon.

Tell Me, Watson. Are You OK?



Oldest Watson

Dear Watson,

Your friends have been asking. Do you expect to recover from last year's earthquake? You look so forlorn without kids rushing in and out from the playground while Watson Senior Citizens and alumni yearn to come home.

Oh, I know! Everything was fine before the ground shook and roared like a freight train. You were fully utilized one day; abandoned the next. OK, honestly, were you faking annual safety inspections before the tremor? I ask because the Town's insurance company doesn't believe in earthquakes. They say you are old (surprise, surprise!) and were ready to collapse before October 16, 2012. How does THAT make you feel, Handsome?!

Tell you what. I STILL think you're lookin' GOOD! This summer, I walked around inside you six times with lots of people, all sorts – inspectors, enforcers, adjustors, firefighters, administrators, contractors, reporters, politicians, structural engineers and normal citizens – and NOT ONE of them minced along the walls or tested the floor before each step. Ironically, the insurance company (LGC) convened the largest group for a press conference smack dab directly over your

cracked floor joists!

It's pretty obvious you stand straight and right like always. Just a bit of sag in the middle where those four posts in Classrooms One and Two jiggled. Not much change. Indeed – same as what your Watson Academy Committee proposed in April – contractor bids remain at \$40,000 to repair earthquake damage.

Instead of staying stuck discussing whether or not you are “safe” now – before repairing the damage (of course, you're not safe NOW!) – why can't we just fix the footing and floor to see how safe you feel afterward?

Too forthright, I guess.

Not like in the 1980s, when your committee rallied last time. Remember that? You were a wreck. Unceremoniously mothballed without benefit of mothballs, abandoned in favor of your uphill replacement. Recycled graffiti plywood covered your doors and windows. Our first committee meetings were in the dark because power was disconnected. Weeds climbed up your peeling clapboards. Your bell tower was long gone.

Back then, unlike today, we didn't hire engineers to tell us what we already knew. We didn't even expect an insurance company to help us. It actually felt good to be on our own.

Over three years, alumni garnered support from 300 volunteers and donors. We celebrated your 100th birthday by reenacting the 1883 dedication. A community chorus sang and a brass band played while children danced around Mary Blair's Maypole. At night, there was a square dance. A volunteer came from Nottingham to launch fireworks. The next year, Belgian horses towed your new bell tower in the Memorial Day parade. (An architect had donated the blueprint so regional “tech” students could create a reproduction.) The tower and bell were installed by Army Reserves. Governor John Sununu came to Epping TWICE to celebrate your preservation. He awarded the No Bell Prize to Diane Byrne who donated \$1,000 back to the project. Our enthusiasm attracted a \$250,000 block grant to reopen your doors.

Surely, those were simpler times. But it's not as if there was NO concern for certification, bonding, and liability. There certainly was a point when bureaucracy threatened to block installation of the bell tower. You may recall our late Selectman Roger Gauthier stepping forward to complete the project.

So, don't worry, Watson! We saved you before. We will save you again. Amazing, isn't it

that Roger's son, Young Thomas, now chairs BOTH the Select Board and your Watson Academy Committee! You'll get your fix. It won't be as easy and certainly hasn't been as much fun as it was 30 years ago.

But we'll get there!

Carol Clapp for Dear Watson



Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

We Want YOU to Join the Epping Lions Club

www.epping.nhlions.org

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Lions International is an international organization, primarily focused on serving the visually impaired through fundraising. Our latest event, the Highnote festival on September 14th, was a huge success. The return of our dunk tank with local celebrities was popular, and this year we sold caramel as well as regular popcorn and 50/50 raffle tickets. Thank you to the McPhee family for continuing to support us at this event!

Our next project is a return of our popular Gas Card raffle. We will sell a maximum of 300 tickets at \$5 each. First prize is \$300 at the gas station of the winner's choice. There will also be three \$50 winners! Tickets are available from your local Epping Lion, or at Checkers Barber Shop downtown. Winners will be drawn on **December 27th**, just after Christmas, so this would make a fabulous stocking stuffer! If you "like" the Epping Lions Facebook page before December 25th, you will be entered into a separate drawing to win a fifth **\$50 gas card!** Our Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/EppingLionsClub. Proceeds of the Gas Card raffle this year will be used to purchase holiday gift cards for local families.

Our club has lots of ideas for additional service projects that will enhance our community, but we need your help. With your involvement, we can offer a wide range of opportunities, and our members are able to volunteer as little or as much as they like, and have fun doing it. If you're interested in learning more please visit our website: epping.nhlions.org. 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). At our next meeting, our Tail-Twister, Joe Denoncour, will be hosting a game of "Lions Trivia". If you get all ten responses correct, he will pay you \$2.50, but for each wrong response it will cost you \$0.25. Should be entertaining! Come and check

us out!

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Submitted by Debbie Moulton

Epping Students in the News

John Ayer of Epping, N.H., in 12th grade at Epping High School, was a 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Award recipient from the Scholastic Art Awards of NH.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the country's longest running and most prestigious award and recognition program for creative teenagers, announced its 2013 National Award recipients. John was one of thirteen N.H. students to receive a national medal from a panel of distinguished judges.

Alexis Burke of Epping, N.H. and member of U.Mass Lowell's Class of 2013, has been named to this year's edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Burke, who was a student in the College of Health Sciences and earned a degree in exercise physiology, is one of 69 U.Mass Lowell graduates selected to be recognized nationally for their excellent leadership skills.

Brandon Carleton of Epping, N.H., is a first year student attending Plymouth State University this fall. Plymouth State University is part of the University System of New Hampshire and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

3/C Christopher Glass, of Epping, N.H., has been selected as '**Cadet of the Year**' of 3rd Company for the 2012-2013 Academic Year at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Cadet Glass has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and dedication to the goals of the Academy. Through personal contributions to the Academy community and dedication to the success of the Regiment, he has set a standard of excellence for others to follow.

3/C Glass will receive a \$250 scholarship, a plaque to commemorate his achievement, and be entitled to wear the 'Admiral's Award' ribbon for as long as he is a member of the Regiment of Cadets.

Samuel H. Hereford of Epping, N.H., a graduate of Berwick Academy, is enrolled at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, in the class of

2017. Some 634 first-year students from 30 U.S. states, including a record 72 international students, have joined the St. Lawrence student body.

Hayleigh Mantini of Epping, N.H., is a first year student attending Plymouth State University this fall. Plymouth State University is part of the University System of New Hampshire and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Tucker Moss of Epping, N.H., is a first year student attending Plymouth State University this fall. Plymouth State University is part of the University System of New Hampshire and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Eric Ouellette of Epping, N.H., a junior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, was named a National Merit scholarship qualifier as a result of his PSAT score. Only the students whose scores rank in the top 5% in the nation are considered for the Scholarship selection.



TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST

Not Bad for a Local Boy:

General Henry Dearborn, Great American Patriot 1751 - 1829

The news of the British attacks in Lexington and Concord reached Nottingham on April 20, 1775, the same day a baby girl named Augusta was born to the wife of the town doctor. A few hours after his daughter's birth, the father left home leading his 60 man militia company to join the Colonial army in Cambridge. Two months later he and his men were fighting the British at Bunker Hill. This young doctor, a great American patriot and military force, was General Henry Dearborn, a man who grew up in Epping before his family moved to Nottingham.

Among his many military adventures, he led his starving men through the Maine wilderness to fight the British in Quebec, a battle fought with the hope of making Canada our 14th colony and where he was taken prisoner.

He fought with George Washington at Valley Forge, Yorktown Heights and the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. During his long military service Henry Dearborn was popular with his men, loved by his fellow officers and was honored by three U.S. Presidents. Washington made him a

General, Jefferson made him U.S. Secretaries of State and of War, and President Monroe appointed him our Minister to Portugal. In 1812 he was appointed Major General in the United States Army. Not bad for a local boy.

As our Secretary of War, General Dearborn had a fort built on Lake Michigan named Fort Dearborn, the beginning of the city of Chicago (The fort is now Dearborn Street, still a major street in that city). Other places honoring him include the Dearborn River in Montana, Dearborn County in Indiana and the cities of Dearborn, Michigan and Dearborn, Missouri. Further, Maine's capitol city was named Augusta, in honor of his daughter, the baby born that fateful day when news arrived of the British attack in Lexington and Concord. .

Dearborn owned 5,000 acres of settlement land in what became the state of Maine. He built the first house there, and suggested the place be called Monmouth after the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey in which he and his men had fought. A number of his former soldiers from Epping were among the first to settle in Monmouth, Maine. Descendants of those heroes remain in that area to this day and are very much aware of their connection to Epping.

Henry Dearborn was 73 years old and our Minister to Portugal when he asked to come home. His hard life of service had broken his health and he died five years later on June 6, 1829. The grand old soldier was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston with full civil, military and Masonic honors. The boy who grew up in Epping did very well indeed.

This article is written in memory of Amogene Kimball, whose dedication to Epping history never wavered.

This is twentieth in a series.

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

The Epping Historical Society wrapped up a busy and successful October with an Old Time Barn Dance and a program about the frozen lands of the Arctic Circle. Work on the Water Street building's new entrance doorway continues and will be completed in the next few weeks. The Society has solicited bids for upgrading its bathroom facility for handicap accessibility.

As the year winds down, the Society has begun working on program plans for next year. Plans also continue forward on a possible cookbook fundraising project. The Society seeks family

favorite recipes from Epping residents. If you would like to share a recipe, contact the Society today.

Thank you for your continued support of the Society. Visit us on Mondays between 9:00-12:00, or call for an off-hours appointment. Look for the "open" flag outside our door for unscheduled openings. Contact us at 679-2944, or visit us at eppinghistory.org.

Submitted by Michael Vose, Library Trustee

Barn Dance a Big Success!

Our 2nd Annual Community Barn Dance was a lot of fun and we raised over \$1,000 for accessibility. Committee volunteers cleaned and decorated the upstairs of Town Hall just like the old days when the auditorium was continually abuzz for basketball games, dances, theater, graduations and other ceremonies, plus our annual Town Meeting. Nationally renowned contradance caller Dudley Laufman and his "Two Fiddles" band put us through our laughing paces. The raffles and refreshments were well received. All funds support our ongoing effort to make Epping history more accessible to the public.

Submitted by Carol Clapp, Chairman Barn Dance Committee

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee (LRAC) 2013 Highlights

LRAC Accomplishments: Representatives from most of the fourteen towns in the Lamprey River watershed worked hard to create a comprehensive rivers management plan and to seek input from towns, planning commissions, land protection organizations, wildlife professionals and citizens. The final plan was approved on Sept. 26, 2013 and will be made available to stakeholders and posted on www.lampreyriver.org.

Land Protection: Working with partners, the Wild and Scenic subcommittee continued to provide expertise and funding to protect an additional 101 acres of shoreline of ecologically significant land along the river, bringing the total protected since 1999 to 2803 acres. Among the more important projects completed this year was the Ath-Mor Farm in Lee, adding 86.68 acres and 1,630 feet of river frontage.

Education and Outreach: The committee's website, www.lampreyriver.org, continued to be updated and improved. Students from Oyster River High School helped document overall conditions and counted amphibian egg masses to report to the N.H. Dept. of Fish and Game. For the fifth year, the committee funded three small grants for creative

and worthwhile projects. One grant supported the creation of a video to document volunteer service to protect the Lamprey. A second grant was used to produce a Big Tree Tour guide to help residents find and appreciate the grand old trees along the Lamprey. The third grant was used to create a public participatory art installation entitled *Stream of Conscience* for the new Durham Public Library.

Wildlife and Ecology: In 2011, LRAC commissioned research to map and perform a bioinventory of Lamprey River floodplain wetlands in the towns of Epping, Lee, Durham and Newmarket. The study has been finalized and published. The maps and results will be very helpful in guiding future wildlife studies and informing efforts undertaken by the land protection and project review subcommittees.

Water Quality and Quantity: LRAC financially supported volunteer monitoring efforts to test and report water quality data. With severe reductions in state support for water quality monitoring, LRAC funding ensured that years of data were not interrupted. Results were reported to the Volunteer River Assessment Program and are available at N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services.

Project Review: The expanded committee reviewed several projects that were submitted to the state for environmental permits. Among the most significant were the plans for habitat restoration at the Mast Road Natural Area in Epping, a power line reconstruction project that included Candia and Deerfield, and a proposed condominium/small business development along the Newmarket riverfront.

Talking Turkey



<http://extension.unh.edu>

Thanksgiving is coming soon and the thoughts of many people will certainly turn to turkey, the main course. Turkey, however, is much more than

meat. Turkeys are fascinating birds and they deserve a closer look. Ben Franklin thought so. He proposed that the wild turkey be the symbol of the United States.

Wild turkeys were abundant in America long before people arrived. The spread and growth of human populations coincided with a decline in the number of turkeys due to hunting and loss of habitat. When wildlife professionals recognized this loss, they made a concerted effort to increase turkey numbers. That effort has worked and once-threatened turkeys are again abundant.

Turkeys are masters of their habitat. Unlike domestic turkeys, wild turkeys are lean, powerful, and fast. They spend most of their time on the ground, foraging for fruits, insects, salamanders and nuts. They have excellent vision and hearing. When necessary, they can outrun or fly away from many of their enemies. At night, they fly up into trees to roost. They roam widely and can seem to vanish into their surroundings.

Turkeys are unique in many ways. They have a variety of vocalizations; they purr, yelp, cluck, cackle, rattle and gobble. Male turkeys, or toms, put on one of nature's most audacious displays to attract females. Toms' facial anatomy includes a dewlap (fleshy growth hanging under the chin), caruncles (growths located on the side and front of neck) and a snood (a fleshy projection rising above the bill). The skin on their heads ranges from light blue/pink to red, depending on their mood. They also have a "beard" that dangles from the chest. Females can find the tom's features and show tempting, but they also have the ability to produce fertile eggs without actually having any contact with a tom. This ability, parthenogenesis, is rare in nature. Interestingly, baby turkeys that are the result of parthenogenesis are male and they grow into fertile toms.

Turkeys are intelligent, strong birds. Sadly, they have sometimes gotten an unfair reputation as foolish or inept. They also face the distinct problem of having heads that many people find to be homely. Don't be fooled by appearances. When we speak frankly, discuss hard facts or get down to serious business, we are talking turkey. Ben Franklin was right; turkeys are really cool, seriously.

Serious Septic Synopsis

After several light articles, let's talk dirty, really dirty: you know, toilet talk.

When you flush the toilet, what you flush has to go somewhere. If you are on the town sewer, it goes to the wastewater treatment plant. If you are

not on the town sewer, it goes to your septic system. Both places perform similar functions: separate the solid stuff from the liquid stuff, kill pathogens, and release the water back to the environment in a cleaner form.

Regardless of where your wastewater goes, you should always follow some simple rules:

1. Only put down the drain what needs to be put down the drain. Do not dispose of anything tougher than toilet paper: no paper towels, no facial tissues, no baby wipes, no absorbent hygiene products, no cigarette butts, no bandages, no trash.

2. Don't dispose of medicines or harsh chemicals in the toilet. These chemicals are not broken down by water treatment systems and end up contaminating our streams. Take your old medications to the police department and harsh chemicals to the town's toxic waste day.

3. Don't dispose of grease in a drain. Grease and water do not mix. Grease clogs pipes and causes a lot of expensive problems. Wipe greasy pans with a paper towel prior to washing and put excess grease in the garbage.

If you have a septic system, you must be extra careful; it is in your own yard and you alone will pay the costs of repair or replacement. To make your septic system last and work well, make sure you get the septic tank pumped and inspected every two or three years. Make sure trees and shrubs are not growing on top of the leach field—the roots can get inside the pipes and cause a lot of damage. Don't drive heavy equipment or park cars on the leach field—the weight can impair the soil's ability to treat wastewater and potentially crush the leach field pipes. If your lawn is mucky or smelly, a failed septic system might be the cause. For more information about septic systems, the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services has a quick helpful video: http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wwweb/homeowner_video.htm.

If you are careful with your wastewater practices, our streams, rivers, lakes and bays will be great places for us to fish, swim and play. You might not want to talk about dirty water, but understanding it to prevent problems is much easier than trying to fix problems once they occur.



Submitted by Suzanne Petersen

The Civil War Roundtable of NH

Meeting Schedule

On **November 8th** (note special date) Tom DiGiuseppe (CWRT of the Merrimack) will present "The Battle of Williamsburg."

(Note: This replaces the previously scheduled program by Kevin Levin. Due to a family emergency taking him out of town, he won't be able to make the November meeting.)

December – No meeting – Happy Holidays!

On **January 17th** – Dr. Michael Schroeder (CWRTNH) will present "Union Naval Operations Against New Orleans."

To all those interested, we of the CWRTNH would enjoy your presence and also your membership in our group. Bring your self, family and friends. We welcome all new enlistees (er members).

As a new recruit (er member) you would be part of a 20+ year-old Roundtable. We have hosted many well-known names who have written and spoken of the Civil War, not to mention some of our own illustrious members who have shared their knowledge.

So if you're free on a Friday night, come down to the Town Hall at 7:15 pm and take your oath (er I mean join as a member). Learn about the Civil War and in particular the role of Epping and other towns in New Hampshire who took part in this conflict.

Check our website: <http://www.cwrt-nh.org> to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH.

Thank you for your interest in advance.

Submitted by Dan Bennis



Epping Garden Club

The Epping Garden Club will be taking orders for Poinsettias until **November 22nd**. A 4.5 inch plant will cost \$5, a 6 inch will be \$10 and an 8 inch will be \$18. Order forms will be available in the Selectmen's Office. Please make checks out to The Epping Garden Club. The plants will be ready for us around Thanksgiving and the color will be RED, in keeping with tradition. These are not from local stores and will last years if cared for properly. A fresh plant straight from the grower will arrive in a plastic sleeve to protect it on the way home.

They will make beautiful decorations for your home during the holiday season and they also make great gifts. There may be people on your Christmas list who would be happy to receive a beautiful, living gift. A plant would also be a special hostess gift for a holiday party. We're hoping some

of our local stores, banks and restaurants will order some of our plants. All the money we earn goes right back into plantings around Town.

We will also have a White Elephant table at the Epping High School Athletic Booster Club "Holiday Craft Fair" on **November 16th**, from 9 am until 3 pm in the Epping Middle/High School. Please be sure and stop by our table – we'll have a variety of items for sale. We will also donate an item for their raffle, so make sure you purchase those raffle tickets!!! All the money we make will be used to buy plants for the Town

We would also like to replace the signs around Town with new signs, especially with our 275th birthday celebration just around the corner. The signposts will need to be freshly painted, too. We are looking for a student or class in Shop that needs a project and with the woodworking skills to help us. We may also try contacting SST in Exeter but would really rather have local help. We will pay for supplies, so if anyone has ideas or will be able to help, please call Eunice at 300-0064 or contact us at eppinggardenclub@gmail.com. We would love to have them ready when spring arrives and for sure by our birthday celebration, so if you think you can help us, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get supplies for you.

We had a wonderful time at our Fall Plant Sale, held at McDonald's here in Epping. Many thanks to those who stopped by and donated cash or purchased some of our beautiful plants. See you in the spring with more!

Please don't forget to LIKE our Epping Garden Club Facebook page and let us know how we are doing. There are just five of us so we appreciate all positive feedback.

Thanks so much. See you at the Holiday Craft Fair!

Submitted by Eunice Miller



Leddy Center

"Anne of Green Gables" started at the Leddy Center on **October 25th** and will be on stage until **November 10th**. It will be followed by a production of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens from **December 6th to 15th**.

Individual tickets are \$18 and \$16, depending on seating, and subscription series are available. The Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call the Leddy Center at 603 679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at www.leddycenter.org.



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule – live programs

Monday – Nov. 12 Tuesday, Monday 18, 25 –
Selectmen – 7 pm

Tuesday – Nov. 5 – Water and Sewer – 7 pm

Tuesday – Nov. 19, – Library Trustees – 7 pm

Wednesday – Nov. 20 – Budget Committee – 7 pm

Thursday – Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19 – School
Board – 7 pm

Thursday – Nov. 14 – Planning Board – 6 pm

Friday – Nov. 22 – Civil War Roundtable – 7:15 pm

**The December schedule was not ready at
press time.**

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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Wednesday - 7 am

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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 by going 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

*Due to incorrect information received by the
Newsletter, Sgt Daniel Musso Jr and Sgt David E.
Musso were mistakenly identified as Daniel and
David Mussey in previous issues. We apologize for
our mistake.

More Military News:

Dave Reinhold's son is graduating from Army
Boot Camp on December 5th. Congratulations!

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

Pack 136 is having another year of Adventure
and Fun!

Past Events:

Popcorn Sales:

A huge thank you to all the Epping residents for
supporting our Show and Sells at Walmart and
supporting our Scouts by purchasing popcorn.

November Pack Events:

Scouting For Food:

We are gearing up for our Scouting for Food drive
which helps to support local communities and food
pantries. In today's economy the need is greater
than ever. Each year, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
collect food and redistribute it to over 175 food
pantries across NH. On **Saturday, November 3rd**,
Scouts and their leaders will deliver Scouting for
Food door hangers throughout the Epping
Community. On the next Saturday, **November 10th**,

around 8:30 am, Scouts will return to collect the donated non-perishable food items left on the doorsteps of all houses where they left flyers the previous weekend. They will then take them to our designated drop off location. Thank you in advance for your donations!

DOOR HANGER DROP OFF DATE: Saturday November 2nd

FOOD PICK UP DATE: Saturday, November 9th by 8:30 am

Upcoming Pack Events

Ice Skating Anyone?

Grab your skates and grab the family for a family fun day at Exeter Skating rink on **December 7th**. For a great low price, you can skate with the family - a great low budget family fun day! Contact Andrea Meyer if you have questions at ameyer71@gmail.com

UNH Hockey Game:

Let your School Spirit soar and can I get a ROAR?!!! We will be supporting our local Wildcats at another family fun day planned for Saturday **January 4th, 2014**

Come join us at one of our upcoming Pack meetings:

November Pack Meeting: **Wednesday, November 20th** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Epping Middle School Café'

December Pack Meeting: **Wednesday, December 18th** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Epping Middle School Café'

Other ways to help the Scouts: Empties4cash fundraising program:

We are collecting unwanted or used inkjet cartridges. We will have collection sites at the Library, the Town Hall and possibly the Community Church. If you have unwanted inkjet cartridges at home that you can donate to the Scouts, please contact Andrea Meyer 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 and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

Wow! Cub Scout Pack 136 has grown by leaps and bounds this year. We have lots of new Scouts

joining our ranks, which is so wonderful. Many of these new Scouts have already earned their first badge, the Bobcat. Those who haven't received their Bobcat yet will most likely receive it at our next Pack Meeting in November.

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 Webelos 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 on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Mike Page** at michael.page.nh@gmail.com or 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 for more Pack information at

<http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>

Submitted by Rainy Melton

Boy Scout Troop 136

The Troop kicked off their fall activity schedule with a focus on the outdoors (as usual!).

The Scouts made a first time visit to Camp Fatima in Gilmanton to join other Troops, Girl Scouts and Venture Scouts at the High Ropes Adventure Course. Josh Houston set a course record on the cargo net climb to highlight the Troop's achievements. Many new skills were practiced, many new relationships fostered, and the boys were challenged to overcome their fears and work as a team.

In early October, the Troop participated in the fall District Camporee in Brentwood. The theme

was merit badges and included opportunities to earn the Search and Rescue or Geocaching merit badges. The Troop also participated in the travois race. A golden skillet competition was held and the Troop, led by Senior Patrol Leader Justin Bacon, submitted their entre of bacon ranch chicken with a chocolate cake dessert, all cooked over coals in Dutch Ovens. They earned honorable mention. The adult leaders submitted venison stew with dumplings and biscuits for the Troop to try, cooked in a Dutch oven.

Most recently the Troop hosted the Webelos of Pack 136 at Pawtuckaway State Park for a weekend camp out where the older Scouts shared skills and meals with the up and coming Webelo Scouts.

The Troop would like to thank all those who supported the popcorn sales this fall. Delivery of products will be made on or before **November 10th**. Local businesses that advertised in the 2014 Troop Community Calendar are thanked as well. Be on the lookout for this calendar as the Troop will be providing them to the community for the suggested donation of \$5. Yankee Candle sales continue through **November 8th** for those looking for great Christmas gifts.

Scouting for Food will happen in Epping again this year. Be looking for the flyer hung on your door knob on **November 2nd** with the planned non-perishable food collection to occur on **November 9th**. If you wish to donate food and don't receive a door hanger, food can be dropped off directly to the Troop at 6:30 pm on **November 4th** at the American Legion in Epping.

The Scouts have many things planned over the next few months such as Winter Freeze camp out, the Klondike competition, 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

"I can't wait to.....Be the one that makes everybody giggle.....Be the star of my own story....Be an explorer on a real-life adventure.....Be a superhero with powers I choose.....Be a Girl Scout!" When you just can't wait for what you'll do next, you can do anything!

At Girl Scouts, girls are always counting down to the next adventure they'll go on together. Maybe it's artistic. Maybe it's an experiment. Maybe it's getting outside or helping the community. With Girl Scouts, you'll make a bunch of new friends and have a ton of new experiences that show you how exciting the world is, and how awesome you are, over and over again

So what are you waiting for? Join today! Send your completed registration form to:

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
PO Box 10832

Bedford, NH 03110-0832

Or visit <http://tinyurl.com/c8f9k9m>

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

American Legion News

Penny Sale

The 2nd Annual Penny Sale and Raffle to benefit the RA Mitchell Post 51 American Legion Women's Auxiliary Programs will be held on **Saturday, November 2nd**. Doors open at noon and it will take place in the non-smoking Bradshaw Hall at 232 Calef Highway (Route 125 across from Telly's Restaurant). (679-8320)

What is a Penny Sale? Buy 25 tickets for \$1.00 at the Penny Sale table as early as noon and place your tickets in any of the small cups next to more than 200 donated items that you wish to win. Winning tickets for the Penny Sale are drawn and announced starting at 5:00 pm. Winners **MUST** be present during the drawing to claim their Penny Sale items. More tickets will be drawn until a winning ticket holder comes forward. Drawing ends at approximately 8:00 pm. The Penny Sale includes more than 200 prizes such as housewares, dolls, toys and gift items for the whole family and pets too!

There will be a separate raffle for special items that include (2) \$100 gift cards donated by The American Legion, gift baskets, wreaths, scratch tickets, etc. The cost of raffle tickets for each of these items is \$1.00 each for a chance to win. And last but not least - there will also be a 50/50 raffle. **ALSO -- Please bring in canned goods and you will be entered in a special drawing! The food will go to local Epping families in need during the holiday season.**

It will be a fun evening for the whole family!! Food, baked goodies, and beverages will be available for purchase starting at noon. The hall is

ramp accessible. For more information please call Heidi at 793-3340 or e-mail Heidi at heidi361@gmail.com.

Veteran's Night Appreciation Dinner & Dance

To say a big THANK YOU to all of our Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel, the **American Legion Family at Post 51** will be offering a free Ham and Bean Supper to all Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Post 51 Members on **Friday, November 8th**. Please come down and help us honor these dedicated men and women for their loyal service to our country and to let them know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country FREE! At 6:00 pm, there will be a Ceremony of the Folding of the Flag. Following the ceremony, from 6:30 to 7:30, there will be a Ham and Bean Supper, free to all Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Post 51 Members. The dance will begin at 8:00 pm with the ECHOTONES Band. They play Good Time Rock-N-Roll and Country Music! The dance is open to the public. A cash bar will be open. The event will be held in the non-smoking Harry Bradshaw Memorial Hall. For more information, call 679-8320.

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, November 10th** and **Sunday, December 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

There will be an Explorer Post and Firemen's Association Blood Drive held on **November 2nd**.

An Epping and Brentwood Stuff the Bus with Christmas Presents Drive will be held all day on **November 30th** and **December 1st** at Walmart.

On **Sunday, December 22nd** at 3:00 pm, Santa is going to take time out from getting toys ready for Christmas and is going to come to Epping on a fire truck. Listen for the sirens! When you hear the sirens, you'll know that Santa is coming to your neighborhood!

Daylight savings time will end on **November 3rd**. Please be sure to change your smoke detector battery. If you need help, call the Fire Department and we will give you assistance. Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

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

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

An Open Invitation

We wish to invite you to visit our church family by joining us for our Sunday service of worship or one of the many other activities at Epping Community Church. There are two principles around which we gather in His name.

1. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Galatians, chapter five, verse one states, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

2. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

You will find a welcoming congregation with open hearts. We choose not to pressure, cajole, or use legalism to attract individuals to our faith community. We choose not to commercialize the name of Christ or cheapen the meaning of the body of Christ, the church, with cheap beggarly promotions.

We choose to seek to make disciples for Christ by first being disciples ourselves. Imperfect, though saved by His grace, we seek to live and let our living and service be testimony to our faith in Him and the Covenant God has given through His Son, Jesus.

Our **Epping Community Care Food Pantry** is

currently open on Saturday mornings from 8:00-10:00 am. We are now offering warm winter outerwear for any of our clients to take free of charge. We can accept the following: coats, jackets, fleeces, snow pants, boots, mittens, gloves, hats. We do not accept clothing at this time.

The **Soup of the Day Cafe** is back – a free lunch that is offered on Thursdays from 11:00 - 12:30 am. We have two different soups or chowders, crackers, salad, dessert and coffee, tea or juice. Come and join us!

The **third Saturday dinner** will be on **November 16th** from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. We are offering a full turkey dinner for \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children. There is no third Saturday dinner in December.

We will be offering once again a **free Thanksgiving dinner** to anyone that would like to come. It will be served at 11:00 am. If you need to have a dinner delivered, you can call the church at 679-5542 and leave your name and phone number.

Pizza night is every Friday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Come and see your friends and enjoy a large pizza with any topping for \$8.00 including a soda. You can also get a pizza to go!

Our church service is at 9:00 am every Sunday with Sunday School following at 11:00 am.

Our church is handicap accessible with a wheelchair ramp and an elevator to the second floor for church services. We'd love to have you come and join in all of our activities and church services.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone: 679-8805

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

November

Monday Adoration – Noon – 9 pm

First Friday Adoration 8 am – 7:45 am Saturday morning

Every Friday Adoration 8 am – 7 pm

High School Youth Group Friday's 7 pm

November 9th – Christmas Fair – 9 am – 3 pm

November 20th – Healing Service following 7 pm Mass

November 28th – Thanksgiving Mass – 9 am

December

Monday Adoration – Noon – 9 pm

First Friday Adoration 8 am – 7:45 am Saturday morning

Every Friday Adoration 8 am – 7 pm

High School Youth Group Friday's 7 pm

December 14th – Choir Christmas Concert

Mass schedule for Christmas

December 24th – 4 pm, 7 pm and Midnight

December 25th – 8 am and 10 am

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

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, November 11th** Veterans Day

Closed **Thursday, November 28th** Thanksgiving

Closed **Wednesday, December 25th** Christmas

Closed **Wednesday, January 1st** New Year's

Overdue Fines

Overdue fines will start on **January 1st**:

10 cents per day for books, audiobooks and magazines, \$10 per item limit

\$1.00 per day for videos and DVDs, \$15 per item limit

Patrons have over 1500 overdue items and we need to get them back. Bring all your overdue items back by **December 31st** and start 2014 with a clean slate!

Estate Planning Program

Epping attorney Kathryn S. Williams will present a program about trusts, wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies on **Thursday, November 7th** from 7 to 9 pm. Don't miss this informative program!

Gift of Reading Story Time

Tuesday, December 10th – 11:00 am

For Epping's Head Start preschoolers, coordinated with the Rockingham Community Action Literacy Services.

Parents receive vouchers from W.I.C. for free new hardcover children's books for low-income families. Children may select books from **December 10th– January 25th**.

Knit Night

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

Adult Book discussion Groups

New members are welcome!

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

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

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

Submitted by Bradley A. Green, Library Director

Epping Youth Coalition

The Epping YOUTH Coalition now has a name! **(Youth Organizations Unite To Help)** The next step is creating a LOGO!

The opportunity to create a logo is open to ANYONE, students or adults, who has a creative idea to submit for a logo design, no larger than an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Due date **November 15th**!

The Coalition Vision and Mission Statements are in process and the Epping Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data is being evaluated to help discern youth needs.

For **Red Ribbon Week**, Chucky Rosa was the guest speaker for the special RRW high school assembly where Sergeant Rich McFadden was presented with the Enrique Camarena Award for excellence! There was a fly-over at the school to photograph the students, wearing RED in the

formation of a Red Ribbon on Friday, Oct 25th.

Youth expressed a desire for an **Alateen support group** for youth with loved ones with addictions, and we are discussing how to help organize this.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day -- Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Epping Police Department. This 7th annual event provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

Thank you to Kim Krenzer for the **Facebook Epping YOUTH page**
www.facebook.com/EppingYouthCoalition.

Larry Averill and Melorah Bisaillon have a **High School Leadership Group!** Nick DeGruttola will be starting a **Youth Leadership Group in the Middle School!**

We need YOUR Support and Ideas for helping our Youth make Positive Choices!!

Success is always a Team Effort!!

Please join us at the next **Monthly Community Meeting, Tuesday, November 19th at 9 am, at the SAU Building!**

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month!

Submitted by Linda Daigle

Epping Parks & Recreation

Department News

Home of the "River Otters"

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

Temporary office at Epping Town Hall

Cell Phone: 608-9487

eppingrecreation@gmail.com

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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.

Learn To Ski Program Back Again This Winter!!!

We will be offering our "Learn To Ski Program" again this year at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester, NH. We will be expanding to two - one night per week classes to accommodate more children. This program will be scheduled for 5 weeks - **Tuesdays, January 7th - February 4th and Thursdays, January 2nd - 30th**. The program runs from the close of school, gathering in the EES gym and returning at 6:45 pm to the EES Parking Lot. Our lesson time is from 4-6 pm at McIntyre. This is a parent volunteer supported program, in order to offer and keep costs down. A limited number of carpool spots will be available to and from McIntyre. If you are interested in Registering for this program, please send us an e-mail or give us a call at 608-9487. Please include the night that would work best for your child to attend.

Elementary School Programs

New Program: Fall Swim Lessons at Portsmouth YMCA!!!

We have teamed up with the Raymond Recreation Dept. to offer this exciting new opportunity for our community! Open to kids ages 4-12, the lessons are held at the Portsmouth YMCA on Saturdays from 10-11am for 6 weeks, starting **November 9th until December 14th**. We will be offering limited mini bus service and supervision for kids ages 6 and up. You may choose from two options: Parent Transportation and Supervision or Epping Rec Transportation and Supervision. The cost for Parent Transportation and Supervision program is \$55. The cost for Epping Rec. Transportation and Supervision is \$75. Please download a Registration Form from the Rec website or forms are also available at the Town Hall. Please return completed forms and payment to Town Hall or mail to us at: 157 Main Street, Epping, NH.

For questions, call us at 608-9487 or e-mail us at eppingrecreation@gmail.com.

We have a limit of 10 kids per town for this program. If the program is popular, we will offer it again in the spring.

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 3:15-4:15pm, during cold or bad weather days. The programs then move into the EES gym, or other designated areas, for organized games and activities from 4:15-5:45 pm. The program operates from school dismissal until **5:45 P.M.** Children are grouped by grades: K-1, 1-2 and 3-6. This may vary slightly depending on space and child needs in each of the groups. Space fills up fast, so download a registration form today! We require registration for the Fall Semester and again in December for the Spring. We offer No School Day, Parent/ Teacher Workshop and Vacation Week full day programs, which will have separate registration forms! Please check one month in

advance of any No School Days on the school calendar or call us at 608-9487 if you have questions. We will not be offering programs during the Thanksgiving and Winter Break School Closings, to allow our staff time with their families during the holidays, as well as traditionally low enrollment in past years during those times.

Middle/High School Programs

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

Adult Programs

Adult Basketball.

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

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

Sunday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

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

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

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

Zumba

The popular dance aerobics class is back in the Epping Recreation Department with Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen. She has classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:45 – 8:45 pm in the Epping Elementary School Gym. Cost: \$35 for a 6-week session or \$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 pm and goes until 4:30 pm.

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

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

If you are interested, please check us out at www.eppinglighthouse.org or you can e-mail us at eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com to request a form for more information!

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

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Epping Family Morning Out on Fridays, beginning September 13th 9:30 – 11 am (**Except 11/29 and 12/27**).

Epping Family Morning Out is for children from birth to six, 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: Allison Dillon. It will be held at the SAU 14 Building, 213 Main Street, Epping. Cost: Free

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

Does your child have a chronic health condition? Partners in Health may be able to help. For families who have a child (aged 0-21) with an ongoing health condition, Partners in Health offers advocacy; resources; assistance in navigating school, insurance and medical systems; education, support and encouragement. Call Families First at 422-8208, ext.146, and Anna can meet with you to assess your needs.

Need Support at Home?

Families First offers a free program in which a family worker will meet with you on an ongoing basis--in your home or at another convenient location -- to help you identify needs, access services, and learn skills to reduce stress and improve family life.

Family workers can help with:

- meeting your family's basic needs (housing, transportation, utilities, food, etc.).
- improving your parenting skills and building strong parent/child relationships.
- parenting a child who has a chronic illness (advocating for your child, accessing resources, navigating systems such as schools, insurance companies and medical providers).

For more information, call 422-8208, ext. 314 or visit

www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/oneonone.html.



Epping School District News

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

School Board Meeting Schedule

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

November 7th and 21st
December 5th and 19th

New EES Playground opened



Superintendent Barbara Munsey, left, and Gov. Maggie Hassan listen to opening remarks Tuesday at the dedication of the Epping Elementary School playground.

The new Elementary School Playground was opened early in the morning on September 3rd, the first day of the new school year. In front of a crowd of about 50 Epping students, parents, teachers and dignitaries, Governor Maggie Hassan helped to cut the ribbon on the new playground. She said, "One of the things I'm proudest of is the way we come together in New Hampshire to get things done. We solve problems." Elementary School Principal Mark

Vallone spoke about, "Good things happening when people come together." Superintendent Barbara Munsey thanked the many people who made it possible.

The play structures are the result of collaboration between the School District, the PTO, local businesses and charitable foundations and were paid for by impact fees and donations. The new playground includes two climbing structures (one with ropes and one with steps), slides and ladders, a circular spinning device and a mini-zip line.



Mike Yergeau, an employee of Gatchell Excavating, helps his son Beckett navigate one of the structures in the new Epping Elementary School playground.

Epping Elementary School (EES)

**An Invitation to Epping's Veterans
From Epping Elementary School
EES Lunch with a Veteran Program**

Epping Elementary School would like to say "Thank you!" to veterans by inviting you to a free lunch at our school during Veterans Day week. This is a very informal event with veterans seated at the tables with students. Any veteran who attends will be recognized and introduced to all the students and thanked for his or her service.

Choose one day:

Monday - November 4

Tuesday - November 5

Wednesday - November 6

Thursday - November 7

Lunch times are;

11:15 to 11:40 for grades 4 and 5

11:45 to 12:10 for full day Kindergarten

11:50 to 12:15 for grade 1

12:15 to 12:40 for grades 2

12:20 to 12:45 for grade 3

You don't have to have children, grandchildren or other relatives currently attending Epping Elementary School. If you are veteran you are invited.

If you plan to attend, please call the school at 679-8018 or send in a note with a student relative or by mail telling us what lunch you plan to attend. Please note that school is closed on November 8 and 11.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Mark Vallone

Principal

EES Craft Fair on December 5th

Come join the fun!

The Epping Elementary School Art's Committee is sponsoring a Craft Fair/Vendor Event to raise money to support our *awesome* Artist-in-Residence program. Kids of all ages can participate in the "Make and Take" portion of the Craft Fair and make a variety of crafts to take home with them that night. This allows Mom and Dad some freedom to visit the various vendors and craft tables to do some shopping. Please come and enjoy a wide variety of crafts and vendors while your children are being entertained. The event will take place at the Epping Elementary School multi-purpose room on **Thursday, December 5th** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Admission and parking are free. The "Make and Take" crafts are available for a modest fee. Please call Epping Elementary School for more information at 679-8018.

Crafters and Vendors needed for the Fair

We are looking for Crafters and Vendors. We supply the tables - \$15 per table for new vendors, a discounted \$10 per table for returning vendors. Set-up will start at 5:00 pm.

We are also asking for a small product/craft donation for our raffle. Please fill out a vendor application and return it to Sarah Boudreau at Epping Elementary School, 17 Prospect Street, Epping, NH 03042 by **November 21st**. Please also

enclose your check made out to EES with "Craft Fair Fee" in the memo. If you have questions, please call Sarah Boudreau at 679-8018.

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Local Teachers Benefit from Walmart Teacher Rewards Program

Educators at Epping Middle School receive funding to offset classroom expenses.



All teachers were given rewards. Pictured are the team leaders representing all teachers. Left to right: Susan McGeough, Bruce Christie, Pat Weeiberg, Deborah Booth, Wyman Eckhardt, Principal Kyle Repucci, then a Walmart representative.

On Wednesday, October 3rd, Walmart and its distribution center in Raymond, NH donated \$50 reward cards to twenty Epping Middle School teachers for purchasing classroom supplies. The goal is to help students start the school year off right as part of the company's Teacher Rewards program. For the fifth year, Walmart will donate up to \$4.5 million to 90,000 teachers across the United States with reward cards to help offset the cost of classroom expenses at the beginning of the school year. These funds come at a crucial time, as many teachers will spend an estimated \$500 of their own money to ensure their students have the supplies they need in order to learn.

The Teacher Rewards program is an extension of Walmart's ongoing support of local education initiatives that help students better prepare for their future. In 2012, Walmart and its Foundation donated more than \$59 million to fund education across the country.

The presentation of the Reward Cards occurred during the previously planned faculty meeting. Team leaders from each grade level accepted the reward cards on behalf of their fellow teachers.

EMS Participates in Worldwide Bullying Prevention Day

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. On Monday, October 7th, Epping Middle School students, faculty, and staff joined thousands of others all over the world by wearing blue shirts to "Stomp Out Bullying". Over 80% of the student body participated. The winning Morning Meeting Groups from each grade had one hundred percent participation and will be treated to a breakfast later in the month. The sixth grade winning team was Mr. Bouchard's group; the seventh was Mrs. Flintosh's group; and the eighth grade was Mrs. Booth's team.

Students were also involved in coming up with a slogan for Epping Middle School's anti-bullying program. A bulletin board designed by Emily Jackson of Mr. Christie's Morning Meeting features a tree with leaves representing each student at EMS. The theme is "Don't Leaf Me Out!" The individual logo contest continues; students are encouraged to submit their entries.

EMS Students and National Junior Honor Society Members Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Under the direction of eighth grade Team Leader and Language Arts teacher, Pat Weisberg, students and members of the National Junior Honor Society will be collecting money for UNICEF during the month of October. Students are encouraged to carry their UNICEF boxes with them while Trick or Treating and collect change from those they visit.

The original "Kids Helping Kids", the United Nations Children's Fund provides relief to children in need all over the world. Twenty-five cents can give ten kids clean drinking water for a day, as an example. Please support our students as they try to help others in need.

EMS Students Sell over \$4,000 in Magazine Sales Subscriptions

Epping Middle School's only school-wide fundraiser, the Magazine Sales Drive, was held the

last week of September and the first week of October. This year's sales were down a bit, but a strong finish pushed total sales to \$4,062.75. EMS will retain 40% of all profits. The money is used to offset the cost of field trips and other school activities.

The seventh grade was the top selling grade with sales of \$1,777.75. Top individual sellers were: grade 8, Emma Coolidge; Grade 7, Michaela Sable; and grade 6, Molly Gallagher. Congratulations to all, and thanks to all who supported our drive.

EMS Pride Team Makes Strides

The Epping Middle School Pride Team of students, faculty, staff, and their families raised over \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The team participated in the 5-mile walk from Memorial Field in Concord on October 20, 2013.

The Epping Pride Team, organized by teacher, Pat Weisberg, consisted of the following: Darby Dwyer, Laura Duguie, Madison Downing, Mr. DeGruttola and family, Stephanie DeFrancesco, Mr. Bowden, Morgan Shanley, Katelyn Nichols, Alison Nee, Gracia Jordan, Addison Bickford, Lexi Kailey, Gabby Hughes, Josie Wentworth, Ava Montalbano, Makayla Swidrak, Sam Prince, Sarah Parenteau, Becky Milbury, Jenna Emma Coolidge, Megan McFadden, Katie Pelletier, Kayla Wells, Ms. Weisberg and family, Ashlyn Vensel, Maylee Gagnon, Mrs. Smith, MacKenzie Newman, Meagan Marasca, Haley Pelletier, Anna Re, and Ms. MacFarland and family. The top fundraisers were Sarah Parenteau and Ashley Vensel collecting \$800 and \$500 respectively.

Students and faculty participating in the walk wore their Making Strides Shirts to school on Friday, October 19th. EMS faculty and staff donated their \$5.00 contribution for the privilege of wearing jeans to work on Fridays during the month of October to Making Strides.

Thank you and congratulations to all participants and those who donated!

Eighth Graders Hold Turkey Raffle

To offset the ever-rising price of their Washington, DC trip, EMS eighth graders will be raffling off five turkey dinners "with all the fixin's". All items are donated by EMS faculty and staff, allowing each student to use all the money he/she collects from ticket sales, to go directly to offsetting the price of the trip.

Epping Calendar of Events for November 2013

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| November 1 | EHS Dance hosted by the Class of 2017 in the Cafeteria – 6:30 – 9:30 pm |
| November 2 | Explorer Post and Fireman's Association Blood Drive |
| November 2 | Scouting for Food hanger on doors |
| November 2 | American Legion Women's Auxiliary Penny Sale and Raffle – noon to about 8 pm |
| November 2 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| November 3 | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK |
| November 4 | EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm |
| November 4-7 | EES Lunch with a Veteran Program |
| November 4 | Flight Line Express begins at the Epping Park & Ride |
| November 7 | Library program on trusts, wills, etc. by attorney Kathryn S. Williams – 7-9 pm |
| November 7 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| November 8 | Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm |
| November 8 | Am. Legion Family's Veterans' Night Appreciation Dinner & Dance-starts at 6:30 pm |
| November 8 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm |
| November 8 | NO SCHOOL - Conference Day |
| November 9 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| November 9 | St. Joseph Christmas Fair – 9 am – 3 pm |
| Nov. 9 – Dec. 14 | Rec Swim Program Saturdays at the Portsmouth YMCA |
| November 10 | Scouts collect food for Scouting for Food – 8:30 am |
| November 10 | American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am |
| Oct. 25 - Nov 10 | "Anne of Green Gables" at the Leddy Center |
| November 11 | VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL Town Hall and Library closed |
| November 13 | Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm |
| November 13 | Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| November 14 | Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Safety Complex Fire Station at 1:00 pm |
| November 15 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm |
| November 15 | Epping YOUTH Coalition LOGO design due |
| November 16 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| November 16 | Epping Athletic Booster Club Craft Fair at Middle/High School – 9 am-3 pm |
| November 19 | Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building– 9 am |
| November 19 | Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm |
| November 20 | Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| November 20 | Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Epping Middle School Café' – 6:30-7:30 pm |
| November 21 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| Oct 28 th –Nov.22 | EMS 8 th Grade Turkey Raffle tickets for sale for \$1 or 6 for \$5 |
| November 23 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| November 23 | Epping Community Church Dinner "Roast Turkey Dinner" – 5-7 pm |
| November 26 | Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm |
| November 27 | Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm |
| November 28 | THANKSGIVING DAY Library closed, Town Hall closed 28th and 29th |
| November 27-29 | NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING RECESS |
| November 30 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| Nov. 30 - Dec.1 | Fire Department Stuff the Bus with Christmas Presents Drive all day at Walmart |

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| December 2 | EES PTO meeting in the EES Art Room – 7 pm |
| December 5 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| December 5 | EES Craft Fair in the EES multipurpose room – 6 – 8 pm |
| December 6-15 | “A Christmas Carol” at the Leddy Center |
| December 7 | Cub Scout Family Ice Skating Fun Day |
| December 7 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| December 8 | American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00-11:30 am |
| December 8 | Epping Christmas Party at the Town Hall, Caroling and Tree Lighting starts at 3 pm |
| December 9 | EMS-EHS Band and Chorus Winter Concert – 6:30 – 8:30 pm |
| December 10 | Library Gift of Reading Story Time – 11 am |
| Dec. 10- Jan. 25 | Free Hard Cover Children’s Books at the Library with W.I.C. vouchers |
| December 11 | Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm |
| December 11 | Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| December 12 | Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm “Christmas Party” |
| December 13 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm |
| December 14 | St. Joseph Choir Christmas Concert |
| December 14 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| December 17 | Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm |
| December 17 | Epping Youth Coalition meeting in SAU building– 9 am |
| December 18 | Cub Scout Pack Meeting in the Epping Middle School Café’ – 6:30-7:30 pm |
| December 18 | Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library –7 pm |
| December 19 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| December 20 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00-2:30 pm |
| December 20 | DEADLINE DATE for the January-February issue of the Newsletter |
| December 21 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| December 22 | Santa on the Fire Truck – 3 pm |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 | HOLIDAY RECESS – NO SCHOOL |
| December 25 | Christmas Day Town Hall and Library closed |
| December 28 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 8-10 am |
| December 31 | Last day to return overdue materials to the Library without fines |
| January 1, 2014 | New Years Day Town Hall and Library Closed |
| January 1, 2014 | Overdue fines begin at the Library |

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 **December 20, 2013**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.