



# Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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## Wikipedia Watson!



It seems Watson Academy has become a symbol for Epping. On a recent cross-country road trip using Google Maps, every time I typed "Epping NH," up popped a picture of Watson Academy! Same for Wikipedia searches and the opening collage for programs on local-access TV Channel 22, plus Internet archives for all things Epping, realtor advertising and other Epping promotions. There is a jarring discrepancy between the iconic image of Watson Academy as a symbol of Epping's supposed proud heritage and the fact that we are not taking care of it as a public asset. The future of our historic landmark is uncertain.

People beyond our town and probably most Epping residents who don't pay attention to Town Hall affairs, would be surprised to learn that the old high school has been condemned by the Fire Department and denied a maintenance budget by the Selectmen. Indeed, the Select Board has pledged "not to spend a nickel" on Watson Academy.

Here are more observations:

1) Watson Academy is 130+ years old (built in 1883) and because of its unique Queen Anne character and service to Epping, it was federally listed as a "Historic Place" in 1982. Within Rockingham County, the only other town of similar population with a "Historic Place" is Atkinson with one listing to Epping's two. Atkinson Academy was built in 1787 and is still being used. Here in Epping, we have Benjamin Franklin Prescott House (listed in 1987) and Watson Academy. In Rockingham County, 22 towns (out of 37) have listed Historic Places, including 41 in Portsmouth and 11 in Exeter.

Epping's stature is raised through Watson Academy's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

2) After 100 years as a schoolhouse, Watson Academy was restored during the 1980s. It was used to full capacity until shaken by a 4.0 earthquake on October 16, 2012. The day

following the seismic event, Epping's fire chief closed and condemned the building, evicting the Recreation Department, Epping Senior Citizens and others. He commissioned a \$10,000 engineering study to assert that Watson Academy is old and the first-floor had settled 2-inches over a 30-foot span, cracking seven joists. The Budget Committee promptly extinguished the building's maintenance budget (which included a long-range plan to repaint it in 2015).

3) Twice, Epping voters have defeated warrant articles regarding Watson Academy: 2013 turned down a nonspecific request for \$155,000 to repair undetermined damage; 2014 turned down a second engineering study projected to cost \$25,000.

4) This summer, volunteer engineer citizen Charlie Goodspeed determined that, in the basement, a central post was installed 8-feet ABOVE bedrock – never properly anchored – indeed not originally meant to support weight transferred to it through a recent altered floor plan. He proposes a straightforward support repair endorsed by a certified structural engineer.

5) Selectmen now await word regarding a \$40,000 matching grant request to be announced in November. If the money comes through from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), it will reimburse engineering repair and certification expenses, plus revitalize the maintenance budget to have Watson Academy painted next year.

For more information, please see Seacoastonline.com: "Epping selectmen back grant for Watson Academy" by Kathleen Bailey.

*Carol Clapp, Co-chair Save Watson Academy*

## Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club started up again in high gear after a summer with the grandkids. Even my shorthand wasn't fast enough to record all their ideas for trips and programs.

Our first adventure was the annual train ride to Old Orchard Beach on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We left home in clouds but lucked out with a beautiful day, delicious sea food and a choice of twenty flavors of homemade ice cream. (That took a little time.) However, being late in the summer season and the weather a balmy 69 degrees, the local scenery was pretty limited (if you know what I mean). That Downeaster is the link to our "memories on the rails."

Finally...our visit to the Candy Factory in

Laconia that I've been talking about for months. I'm still keeping my fingers crossed. The date set is **Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. It can't snow in October can it?

Every hand went up when our wonderful Bus Driver, Nicole, invited us to her lake house in Maine on **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. This includes a boat ride on the lake, lunch at the converted train station and a **special treat** - a stop at the Green Mountain Furniture Store. I have a feeling at least one senior citizen will get lost in that place. I did.

Just as night follows day, apples follow the summer. On **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** we'll migrate back to the Demeritt Hill Farm in Lee. We'll hang on for the rough wagon ride through the orchard, pick the biggest apples we can carry in a bag (and in our pockets). Then we'll return to the farm for hot apple pie, cold ice cream and apple cider. This retirement stuff is soooooo hard.

We enjoyed the visit with Larry Kennedy, photographer for the Carriage Towne News, at our August meeting. As we admired his numerous pictures, he gave us tips on how to "do it yourself." He made it sound easy but it's not. Of course our \$50 cameras can't compare with his \$3,500 one. He does have one amazing picture that he cannot explain and I cannot describe. It's priceless. There were gift pictures for many of us and he brought that bug that bit us - so we agreed to keep our cameras always handy for that special photo. Who knows, a Candid Camera Senior may be around the corner.

Another adventure we're anxious to experience is meeting with the sixth grade students. That bridge between the two ages is long but it does connect. They have a lot to learn from us oldies and we'll probably learn a lot from them also. We'll let you know.

My granddaughter caught me taking a piece of her white chalk. I explained it was going to remove the grease stain from her new jeans in the wash - before her mother found out. I did. It worked, but Mom found out.

Seniors ----Aging is not a given, it's a privilege. Not everyone can do it. So don't take it lightly but do take it slow. Remember - we meet at 1:00 pm the second Thursday of each month at the Fire Station. The coffee is always on.

*Submitted by Irene R. Cote, Secretary*

## Seacoast NH Try Transit Week

Local commuters are invited to explore the variety of regional bus and train options in the first

annual "Seacoast NH Try Transit Week," **September 15-19, 2014**. A collaborative effort of transit providers will provide incentives to commuters to get out of their cars and give the transit a try.

Amtrak Downeaster, C&J, COAST, **East/West Express**, and Wildcat Transit will be offering giveaways and social media contests (#TryTransitSeacoast) to encourage people to use transit and to thank current riders. Contest prizes include tickets to a Red Sox game, C&J tickets to Boston and a COAST monthly pass.

"Try Transit Week" is organized by commuteSMARTseacoast, a local Transportation Management Association that promotes commuting options such as transit, carpooling, biking, and telecommuting. "We are excited to give commuters the opportunity to consider transit options and to try the one that works best for them," said Anne Rugg, manager of commuteSMARTseacoast. "There are so many good reasons to ride the bus or take Amtrak – it saves money in gas and wear and tear on your vehicle, as well as giving you the time to relax, catch up on reading, emails or get a start on your workday," Rugg adds.

Transit is the most economical mode of transportation. A twenty mile round trip by car, such as Rochester to Portsmouth, costs an average of \$500 a month, according to the AAA "Your Driving Costs 2013," whereas taking the COAST bus only costs \$52 for a monthly pass.

Using transit reduces one's carbon footprint – lessening carbon emissions by 20 lbs. per day, or 4,800 lbs. per year for a 20 mile round trip. This is more than the combination of weatherizing one's home, converting to fluorescent bulbs and replacing an old refrigerator according to a 2008 study. If one in ten Americans used public transportation regularly, the U.S. reliance on foreign oil could be cut by more than 40 percent – the amount imported from Saudi Arabia each year.

Taking transit gives commuters an opportunity for regular exercise and removes the problem of finding parking. Transit riders get to their destination rested and relaxed, not stressed out from getting stuck in traffic congestion and driving.

More Americans are adopting a transit lifestyle. In 2013, Americans took 10.7 billion trips on public transportation, the highest annual ridership number in 57 years. From 1995 through 2012, public transportation ridership increased by 34%—a growth rate higher than the 17% increase in U.S. population and higher than the 22% growth in

personal vehicle use of the nation's highways over the same period.

A recent study shows that millennials, in particular, are becoming increasingly multi-modal and moving to communities that provide robust public transportation options. From 2001 to 2009, the number of passenger-miles traveled per capita by 16 to 34 year-olds on public transit increased by 40 percent.

"Seacoast NH Try Transit Week," Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> provides an opportunity for area residents to commute smarter by using transit and saving money along the way. Enter the contests, enjoy the giveaways, and experience the many benefits of using transit.

For information about the fastest and easiest way to travel by bus or train, or how your company can join commuteSMARTseacoast (membership is free), go to [www.commuteSMARTseacoast.org](http://www.commuteSMARTseacoast.org).



## Highnote Festival

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Highnote Festival, a nonprofit benefit for the Adam McPhee Memorial Foundation, will be held on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 pm until dark at 173 Prescott Road in Epping. Music and events will be held, rain or shine. The cost is \$15.00 for adults. Kids and high school students admitted free. Tickets will be available at the gate. The Festival grounds are handicap-accessible.

For more information, please contact us at [www.highnotefest.com](http://www.highnotefest.com).

## News From the Town

### Upcoming dates:

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Town Hall closed for Labor Day

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** – State Primary Day **Vote!!!**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Town Hall closed for Columbus Day

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day **Vote!!!**

Please "LIKE" the Epping Town Hall on Facebook.

### 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash Committee

The "275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash" committee is busy making plans. They now have T-shirts for sale in royal blue and sky blue at the Town Hall and Slate Salon on Main Street. Adult sizes are \$15.00 and youth sizes are \$12.00. (Great for back to school shopping.) They also have new Town Flags on sale for \$50.00, American made and very classy. The Committee is still in need of help and volunteers to make it all happen and to have a town-wide good



time. The meetings are held at the Town Hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm for an hour. Anyone who can't come to the meetings but would like to be notified, please send your e-mail address to Joyce at the Selectmen's office. Please "LIKE" the Epping 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash page on Facebook.

T-shirts and Flag



### And the Latest from the Brickyard

The liquor store is moving forward with the location at The Brickyard and there is also another restaurant coming.

### The Pease Greeters Need Our Help!

The Pease Greeters, hundreds of volunteers, meet our Armed Forces any time of day or night, as they pass through Pease International Airport on their way to a war zone or on their way home. For eight years, Greeters have welcomed service members on every flight with a warm meal and beverage, small gifts, a cell phone to call home and a hearty round of applause. Recently, the number of flights through Pease has increased and the Pease Greeters are in need of **monetary help**. We need to support our service men and women any way we can. If you can give any amount, please make a check payable to Pease Greeters and send or drop it off to Joyce at the Town Hall.

### Knitted Caps needed for Our Troops

The Pease Greeters are in need of dark colored knitted caps for the troops. They can be purchased or homemade and dropped off at the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall.

### 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.

### Upcoming Concert Series

The Law Office of Kathryn Williams has offered to be the sponsor of a summer concert series in 2016 to be held at the Bandstand in the American Legion parking lot.



### Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

**We Want YOU to Join the Epping Lions Club**

[www.epping.nhlions.org](http://www.epping.nhlions.org)

We are looking for innovative people who desire to become involved in improving our community and having fun doing it. The Epping Lions Club was established in April 2009. We support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eyeglass recycling, and we provide assistance to local families in need of eyeglasses. We support community programs as well as participate and sponsor some exciting events, such as the Lamprey River Canoe Race and the Highnote Festival. With your involvement and ideas we look forward to creating even more special fundraising events. We understand people have busy lives and the Lions Club allows you to volunteer as little or as much as you like.

Our next event will be the Highnote Festival on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Our popcorn and 50/50 raffle are popular at this event, as well as our dunk tank, weather permitting. A community dinner for the fall is also in the planning stages.

If you're interested in learning more, please visit our website: [www.epping.nhlions.org](http://www.epping.nhlions.org). Meeting times are posted, which are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We currently meet at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 (285 Calef Highway). We'd love to see you!

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*Submitted by Debbie Moulton*



## TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST

### A Tale of Two Bartletts

Josiah Bartlett of Kingston was one of the few doctors around when, in 1754, this area was hit by another outbreak of a deadly form of diphtheria. It was then called "the throat distemper" and it took down whole families, especially the very young, and there was no known cure. After many experiments, Dr. Bartlett found that powdered Peruvian bark, a source of quinine, could relieve the sore throats and high fevers long enough for the sick to recover and thus he saved many lives. This good and dedicated doctor went on to practice medicine for 45 years. He also founded the New Hampshire Medical Society, became the fourth Governor of New Hampshire and was a Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

However, perhaps Josiah Bartlett is best known as the second signer of the Declaration of Independence, immediately after John Hancock. Probably as a memento of that event in Philadelphia, he brought a sapling of a linden tree from there to New Hampshire and planted it by his home in Kingston in 1776.

Well over two hundred years later, one of Josiah Bartlett's descendants, Lottie Mary Bartlett, came to live in Epping as the bride of our brick maker and first fire chief, Ralph Goodrich. Like in the great movie "It's a Wonderful Life", the newly married couple was serenaded on their honeymoon by the popular Epping Quartet of singers and musicians. One of their songs may well have been "Home on the Range" which Lottie especially liked. She was also a wild and vocal Boston Red Sox fan and knew baseball legend Ted Williams, who used to come to fish here in Epping with his local buddy, prizefighter Jack Sharkey. For years Lottie also faithfully followed the Red Sox team to Sarasota, Florida for their spring training games and apparently became sort of their mascot. She once arrived late to one of their training games to find

they had all held off starting until she showed up.

As of this writing Lottie's ancestral home, the Josiah Bartlett homestead in Kingston, where the good doctor lived, raised his large family and died in 1795, is for sale. The grand place has been in the Bartlett family for seven generations and has a lawn shaded by a massive old linden tree that was once brought home from Philadelphia as a sapling and carefully planted there so long ago.

**This is twenty-fifth in a series for Speak Up, Epping! Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson**

*Dedicated to Lottie Bartlett Goodrich (c 1893-1986)*

## Epping Historical Society

I can't believe that summer is almost over! We have been keeping very busy at the Historical Society. There is always something to do, just ask the volunteers! Just when they see the light at the end of the tunnel, another group of papers seems to appear out of nowhere, to be sorted and archived. The volunteers will never be out of a job!

We added to our collection at the society this past month, Elaine, a lady from Bedford, came to visit bearing gifts. She brought us several items that we have proudly added to our display. She also gave us several photo albums belonging to her Grandmother Emma, and her Uncle Raymond Guerrin. How many of you remember Ray? He lost both of his legs, due to a rare disease, but that certainly did not slow him down! His friends made him a wheelchair with sprocket chain drives. He used his arms to propel the chair. Ray was frequently seen speeding about town. In his later years he lived in West Epping, but that did not stop him from coming to town, usually to have his supper at Bud's. He was known for his gardens, and his cooking skills. He did all of the chores at home just like any other husband did, including doing all the ironing. Ray came from a family of 17 children, a very large family, but think of all the good times they had together. Ray loved the Red Sox, and the greatest thrill of his life, was attending a Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to cancel our Barn Dance for this year. We will be back next year, better than ever! It was with a heavy heart that we had to cancel for this year, but the Town Hall renovations may not be done in time for us to use the upstairs. We were looking forward to having the dance on the beautiful new floor that has been installed.

We are still installing memorial bricks in our walkway, it is looking very impressive, David Clapp did a wonderful job. Whenever visitors enter our



building, they stop to read every brick! Memorial bricks can be purchased for \$50.00 from the Epping Historical Society. On the brick, you have three lines for your message or name and date. On each line you have a total of 14 characters, including spaces. This will be an ongoing project.

We currently have set up a display with items sold in an A & P store. It is amazing how generous people in Epping are, by donating many items to add to our display. Our building was the old A&P (Atlantic & Pacific) grocery store. Do you remember the "Gold Stamps" that were given with every purchase at the A & P? We have several stamps, plus the reward catalog for redeeming your stamps.

We are preparing for "First Day" at the Elementary School. We have gathered several items for display. The children love to handle old things, and we have a few surprises for this year! I think the parents enjoy the toys and other things as much as their children.

In October, the "Class of 1954" is having their 60<sup>th</sup> Watson Academy Reunion. They are not allowed to tour their old school, so the Historical Society has invited the class to meet at our place. They are coming from CA, NJ, Maine and NH. If you remember this class, please feel free to stop by and share Watson Academy stories. The class will be here **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

We are open Mondays from 8:00 to noon, 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 Epping Summer Recreation Graduates First Junior Rangers



*August 15: Some of the participants in the pilot Junior Rangers program*

This summer, a group of dedicated participants in the Epping Summer Recreation program learned a lot about the Lamprey River. They covered such topics as watershed geography, history, recreational safety, wildlife, floodplains and pollution. They learned through maps, videos, animal sampling, plant and animal identification, a field trip to Mary Blair Park, a storm water tour of the school grounds, tying knots, quiz games and races, and their own artwork. Each Junior Ranger received a patch, personalized certificate, and a folder with key facts, pictures, and maps. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

### Junior Ranger: Independent Study



For those who would like to be a Junior Ranger on their own schedule, a separate program exists on-line that will guide participants through many of the exercises that the Epping Recreation kids followed. For details about the program, please visit <http://www.lampreyriver.org/for-fun-junior-rangers>

### The Nature of Crows and Ravens

Edgar Allan Poe's famous raven says, "Nevermore, nevermore," but ravens and crows have been a presence for people forever and probably will be ever more. Why are people so fascinated by these birds? Are they evil, omens of death, tricksters and teachers, or just big, black songbirds? Mythology about crows and ravens is pervasive across cultures, but with these birds, fact is much more interesting than fiction.



*image from wdfw.wa.gov*

## The Real Raven and the Cunning Crow

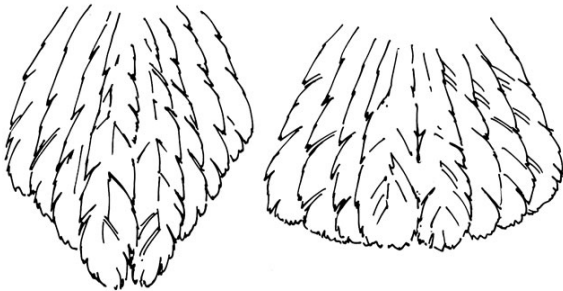
Ravens and crows belong to the bird family Corvidae which also includes jays, nutcrackers, and magpies. They exist on every continent except for Antarctica. New Hampshire has one species of raven and two species of crows: American crows and fish crows. All are all black and all are technically songbirds.

The ravens are by far the largest and have a more shaggy appearance. They prefer dense forest and are rare in cities. Fish crows are the smallest, but telling them apart from American crows is difficult until one becomes familiar with the different calls and behaviors of the two species. Both ravens and crows have a large repertoire of calls and use these calls to communicate.

**Ravens** have wedge-shaped tails and **Crows** have fan-shaped tails. [wdfw.wa.gov](http://wdfw.wa.gov)

Raven

Crow



Ravens and crows are exceptionally intelligent birds. They can discern individual human faces. They can share information with other crows, such as the presence of dangerous places or predators. They often act as sentinels when another crow is feeding, warning of on-coming cars or other dangers. They are curious and can make use of simple tools, such as sticks for probing crevices.

### Family Life and Social Life

Crows and ravens live an average of 7-8 years in the wild, although one rare bird lived 29.5 years. As in common with other birds, many baby crows never live to leave the nest. Although nests are built by both males and females, incubation of eggs is performed solely by females. Because males and females look the same, observation of nesting and reproductive behaviors is the only reliable way to determine a crow's sex in the field.

Ravens and crows are very social. They frequently form foraging flocks. In areas with a large supply of food, these flocks may number in the thousands. Flocks of any size help to provide safety and, at night, warmth. Gatherings of crows or ravens are poetically called "murders," although

scientists prefer to call them what they call other bird groups, flocks.

## The (Perceived) Dark Side of Ravens and Crows

Ravens and crows are intelligent birds. They observe us humans and take advantage of opportunities we provide to them. These birds are capable of hunting their own food, but it is often easier for them to scavenge. They know that food is abundant following a battle or by the roadside. They watch us and know many of our habits. They communicate in ways that we cannot always understand. They gather in large groups and their calls can be loud and unnerving. At times they mock us, using our own words against us or attempting to turn our territories into their territories. Aboriginal mythologies frequently portray these birds as tricksters. European lore often associates them with the devil. The more you learn about them, however, the more you will respect crows and ravens as a rich part of our cultural and natural heritage.



*Helping communities protect the  
Lamprey River.*

*Submitted by Suzanne Petersen*

## The Civil War Roundtable of NH



*NH graves at Soldiers' Cemetery in Gettysburg*

*Photo by Bill Hallett*

The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire was founded in May of 1991, and is dedicated to all aspects of the Civil War: education, preservation and restoration. The CWRT-NH is a group of men and women who share a common interest in the



War Between the States and that period in American History that defined Our Nation, as we know it today.

Our meetings are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, except when held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday per on-line 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 nonprofit 501(c) organization and we are open to the public. Our meeting location is the Epping Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (elevator available).

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

This is the CWRT-NH schedule for September through November 2014.

NOTE: log on to [cwrtnh.org](http://cwrtnh.org) for membership, board members and CWRT-NH news

**September 19, 2014** – Steve Floyd – “New Hampshire Memorials at Gettysburg” (Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Selectman's meeting room).

**October 17, 2014** – Mike Pride (author) “Our War” (book on New Hampshire in the Civil War)

**November 21, 2014** – Dave Becker - “Civil War Civilians”

**December** – NO MEETING

*Submitted by Dan Bennis Board Member, CWRT-NH  
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## **Epping**

*by Dan Bennis*

“Center of the Universe” I proclaim to many.

“Home of three Governors,”

Plumer, Prescott and Morill who helped build our past.

Splitting off from Exeter in 1741. You stand alone.  
Your Town Hall a symbol of identity today.

You were my home for many years.  
Letting me grow a family and a life.

I've many memories of you to this day  
Though I am not with you now, in my heart you always be.

You are home to all thru winter, spring, summer and fall.

On your soil, brickyards and factories once were,  
The brickyards are racetracks are shopping malls now.

Factories for shoes or boxes are gone or quiet now.

Recreation trails for hikers, RTVs and snowmobiles,  
now run where trains once traveled, carrying people and freight,  
pulled by engines going North, South, East and West.

People would travel on rail to Camp Hedding Station,  
once a favorite spot for summer camp.

Farms, homes, country stores and barbershops, too,  
where families, friends and neighbors meet and shop.

Many have names with long lineages call you home even today.

The Leddy Center provides the classic plays.

The Lamprey River named for an eel flows fast through you.

Canoers and kayakers race each spring in the cold waters.

Some fish, swim and picnic in the summer too.

You are the people and the people are you.

All strangers become friends and neighbors,  
No matter if workers or farmers, firefighters or police

All look out for all and give a helping hand.

Your citizens defending their homes and families march to battle,

From Bunker Hill to hot sands of the East,  
And even tomorrow many sacrifice and serve.

Veterans many old and gray wearing uniforms and memories, proud of their service

March in step on Main Street beside the spirit of their long gone comrades

From sidewalks, citizens thank them for their service to freedom.

Attending small schools and Churches of all faiths and visiting the town library full of books.

All ages come away with much to learn, share and say.

People vote for those to speak for them.

Epping now is a town of malls and business  
But has history and heritage still.



Like a center of a compass people and tourists come visit you.  
From all directions and lands, they want to know you.

Though you are old, you are young in many ways.  
Many bring new life to build your future and call you home.

Epping, a name proud to share with everyone in the Granite State,  
and New England and the world as well.

Stay strong and grow, be a place for young and old.  
Your history and charm will grow in many hearts.



### Epping Garden Club

The Selectman have approved our design for the Epping Safety Complex. Now all we need is help and a little cooler weather, although the rains we have had would have had all the new plants off to a good start. With only four of us and everyone's summer plans, it is hard to nail down a date that will be good for all of us. Maybe we can begin in September. If you'd like to see what we plan to do to the complex, please go to Epping Garden Club on Facebook and LIKE US. I added photos of the plans we have drawn up. I will also see if I can hang the plans somewhere in the Town Hall for you to take a look at.

Keep us in mind as you think about decorating this fall, as I am sure we will once again be holding our "Hardy Mums" Plant Sale. If you saw the ones we had last year, you know they were amazing. Please let us know what colors you like the best so we can have the ones you want for your local businesses and homes. All monies left after paying for plants, will go back into the projects we are doing around town. Thanks for anything you can do to support the four of us in getting these projects completed, I personally was hoping it would be ready for the BIG BIRTHDAY BASH but we would need a lot of helping hands.

We will see you in September!

Your Epping Garden Club

*Submitted by Eunice Miller*



### Ledd Center

The next production at the Leddy Center will be Mary Gatchell in Concert on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. "It's a Wonderful Life" will be on stage from **October 24<sup>th</sup>**

to **November 9<sup>th</sup>** and it will be followed by "A Christmas Carol" from **December 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Individual tickets are \$18 and available online at [www.leddycenter.org](http://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 rates.



### ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule – live programs

Monday – Tuesday Sept. 2; Monday Sept.15. 29. 30; Tuesday Oct.14, Monday Oct. 27 – Selectmen  
– 7 pm

Tuesday – Oct. 7 – Water & Sewer – 7 pm

Tuesday – Sept. 16; Oct. 21 – Library Trustees  
– 7 pm

Wednesday – Sept.17; Oct. 15 – Budget  
Committee – 7 pm

Thursday – Sept.4, 18; Oct.2, 16 – School Board  
– 7 pm

Thursday – Sept. 11; Oct. 9 – Planning Board  
– 6 pm

Friday – Sept. 19; Oct.17 – Civil War Roundtable  
– 7:15 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

Tuesday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Wednesday - 7 am

Thursday - 11 am

Monday - 3 pm

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1/2 hour after meeting

Thursday - 7 am

Monday - 11 am

Tuesday - 3 pm

Wednesday - 2 am

Thursday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Monday - 7 am

Tuesday - 11 am

Wednesday - 3 pm

Thursday - 2 am

All dates and times are subject to change.  
Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board or the Town website for any changes or updates.

Always remember that Board meetings are available any time at your convenience if you go to <http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

"Live" video streaming is also available. Watch live meetings anywhere while they're broadcast: [http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live\\_etv22.html](http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html).



## Scouting Around Epping

### Cub Scout Pack 136

If you would like information about joining Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Michael Page** at [michael.page.nh@gmail.com](mailto:michael.page.nh@gmail.com) or contact him at [cubmaster@pack136epping.org](mailto:cubmaster@pack136epping.org)

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

### Boy Scout Troop 136

Troop 136 took advantage of the great opportunity to attend summer camp at Hidden Valley in Gilmanton. A large majority of the Troop (14 Scouts) attended, thanks to the generosity of our community via the popcorn sales last fall and the businesses that supported the Boy Scout Community Calendar. The Scouts were faced with challenges that stretched their comfort level at the week-long camping experience. A total of 43 merit badges were earned and ten others were partially completed. The badges were in a variety of categories including swimming, shotgun shooting, environmental science, leatherworking, first aid, Indian lore and so many more. Additionally, two Scouts completed their ATV safety certification course. One notable Scout, Timothy Gibb, completed the one mile swim! It was a very productive week for the Troop and for those adults involved.

The Troop honored Eric Ouellette on August 24<sup>th</sup> at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at St. Joseph Church. Eric represents the finest in Scouting, has achieved Scouting's highest award and is wished blessings as he heads off to college this fall. He will be missed.

Fall is fund raising season, so please be on the lookout for your Scouts selling popcorn on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** in front of Walmart and then throughout the month of September door to door. Also the Community Calendar is being organized again and this is a great opportunity for

local businesses to advertise, while supporting a good cause. Over 500 calendars are distributed each year to Epping and the surrounding area!

The Scouts have many things planned over the next few months. 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

We design activities to teach girls about themselves and their world. A year with us is filled with the kind of moments she just can't wait to tell everyone about.

Register now online or complete an interest indicator to learn about options in your community for fall 2014.

Girl Scouting is for all girls pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

If you would like more information, please visit [www.girlscoutsgwm.org/explore.html](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/explore.html) or call us at 888 474-9686, ext.4165.

## American Legion News

### Benefit Fundraisers for Gary Brown and for Veterans Traveling Wall Coming to Epping

We are having a Benefit/Fundraiser Dance for Gary Brown because he is in need of medical equipment that Medicare won't cover. This equipment will give him a better quality of life with the illness that he has. Partial monies will be going to the activities that are run by Ricky Pelletier, Junior Vice President, of the R.A. Mitchell American Legion Post 51 in Epping. Ricky wants to bring the Traveling Wall of Veterans to Epping in 2016 - the 275<sup>th</sup> birthday of Epping. The cost to bring the wall to Epping is \$16,000. The **BACKBURNERS** are generously donating their great band to us for this benefit/fundraiser dance that will be held on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 8 pm. We will be having raffles, 50/50 and also refreshments. The cost of admission is \$10 at the door. We are hoping you can all come as we know this is going to be quite a night of great friends and family gathering. Please share on your timeline!! We would appreciate your help in getting the word out.

### 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, September 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Dept. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

It seems that summer has come and nearly gone all too quickly. Having enjoyed a slower pace for the last couple of months, we want to invite everyone as they enter back into the routines of daily living, returning to school and busy calendars, to make worship and gathering with God's people a part of your weekly activity.

**Our regular calendar of events follows:**

**Sunday Worship: 9:00 am**

Over the course of a month you will find that worship includes opportunity to hear the word of God proclaimed. You will find great music presented by the Chancel Choir and our Bell Choir. And, you will have opportunity to sing praise and worship music with the praise band and instrumentalists. Our worship includes opportunity to remember the needs of others in a special time of prayer offered for them, and opportunity for gathering as a fellowship seeking oneness of mind and spirit.

**Sunday School: 11:00 am**

We currently offer by design and intent a "one room" Sunday School environment where everyone

is both teacher and learner. There is a class available for adults as well.

**Chancel Choir practice:** 8:00 am

**Bell Choir Practice:** time to be announced.

**Other events:**

"Third Saturday" Dinners occur every third Saturday of each month from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. **September 20<sup>th</sup>** will be a roast turkey dinner with all of the fixings. **October 18<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual Fish Fry.

"Friday Nite Pizza Night" occurs every Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. You may eat your pizza on site or take it with you.

Thursday Bible Study and Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 9:00 am.

Thursday Soup of the Day Café is served each Thursday from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Epping Community Cares Food Pantry is open on Saturdays from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Epping Coats of Caring, making available donated coats, hats, mittens and gloves, begins when colder weather arrives and runs through the spring as items are available.

You are always welcome at any of our events and are always invited to join us in worship.

## **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone: 679-8805

**Mass schedule weekdays:**

**Monday** 8:00 am

**Tues, Thurs, Fri.** 7:30 am

**Wednesday** 7:00 pm

**Mass schedule weekends:**

**Saturday** 8:00 am, 4:00 pm

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

**September**

**Mondays** – Adoration 12 noon – 9:00 pm

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

**Thursday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – 9/11 Memorial Mass 7 pm

**Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** Healing Service – 7:30 pm

**Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** – K of C Blood Drive – 2 pm

**October**

**Mondays** – Adoration 12 noon – 9:00 pm

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

If you have any questions, please call the

Rectory Office 679-8805 or check our website at

<http://stjosepheppingnh.com> for further information.



## Epping Bible Baptist Church

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](http://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 (Youth Dept.)

679-5884 (Fax)

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

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

Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 – 5

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 – 8

Closed: **Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** for Labor Day

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** for Columbus Day

## Preschooler Story Times

Join us for stories and crafts on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:30 am.

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

## Halloween Party

Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> for youth ages 3 to 10 from 1-3 pm

## Knit Night

Get together on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marjpim@yahoo.com).

## Adult Book discussion Groups

New members are always welcome!

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

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

The Thursday Book Club meets on second Thursdays at 10:30 am.

*Submitted by Bradley A. Green, Library Director*

## Epping Y.O.U.T.H.

### (Youth Organizations Unite To Help)

**POSSIBLE** New Meeting Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 9 am....September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Agenda:

- Compiling a List of Community Resources
- Inviting and Growing Community Participation

#### Sub-Committee Possibilities:

**1. Community Center Committee** -- Join this established and energetic group move forward helping make Epping's Community Center a reality!

**Proposing: Youth and Family Outreach and Connecting:**

**2. After-School Opportunities Committee** -- Brainstorm, Investigate, and Seek Out making this happen!

**3. Weekly Family Fun Night** -- Brainstorm, Investigate, and Seek Out making this happen!

**Thank You for your Support and Ideas!!**

**Success is always a Team Effort!**

*Submitted by Linda Daigle, Coordinator*

#### Please be advised:

NH Division of Public Health Services (NH DPHS) has released an alert that the City of Manchester has noted an increase in overdoses likely related to a synthetic marijuana product "SMACKED" which has been found being sold legally in stores located in Manchester.

It's unknown if this product is available in the Seacoast. Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention encourages you to have conversations with youth and families in your networks, share this alert, and

feel supported in approaching any local stores you notice selling this product to inform them of the dangers and fatal consequences associated with this drug, and any other synthetic marijuana products sold legally: SPICE, K2.

Within the last couple days there have been a number of fatal overdoses in Manchester, and a couple recently in Concord.

Please don't hesitate to reach me if you have questions. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

*Sandi Coyle, MS & CPS*

SMP Regional Coordinator

Seacoast Public Health Network; *Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention*

United Way of the Greater Seacoast

112 Corporate Drive, Unit 3

Portsmouth, NH 03801

(w) 603-373-9116

(c) 603-454-4623

[www.asapnh.org](http://www.asapnh.org)

[www.graniteyouth.org](http://www.graniteyouth.org)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or cell at 608-9487. The temporary Rec. Office has been set up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:eppingrecreation@gmail.com) or see Joyce in the Board of Selectman's Office at the Town Hall if you are interested in helping.

Interested in helping out with Community Events? We can always use volunteers! Epping Parks & Recreation Department does not receive any tax dollars to run Community Events! We rely solely on donations and volunteers to offer such events! If you are interested in helping, please contact Nicole, Recreation Director at 608-9487 or send us an e-mail.

### **Elementary School Programs**

#### **Before & After School Program**

##### **Grades K-7**

6:45- 8:35 am and 3:10-5:45 pm

Before School Program at Epping Elementary School Gym

After School Program meets in EES Gym, Then Goes To EMS Cafe 3:15-4:15, Then back To EES Gym till close

Registration for our Fall 2014 Before & After School Program is now open! Please download Registration Form & Participation Forms from the Epping Recreation website and mail in with Deposit Payment. We will fill our space on a First Come Basis!

We WILL fill up for Afternoon Programs!!!

Call Nicole for more information at 608-9487.

### **Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and Elementary School (offered by Epping 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](mailto:dcdenapoli1023@gmail.com).

\*\*\*ALL beginners receive a FREE Uniform.\*\*\*

### **Middle/High School Programs**

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

Both the Application and two Reference Forms need to be returned to the Recreation Director at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, for review. Without References (non-related), applications will not be accepted. CIT positions are limited! We will call all applicants in for an initial interview with the Recreation Director and Program Director. The CIT program is not a full summer, full week program. Each CIT will be given a schedule of days and hours they will be assigned to complete their volunteer time with us. CIT's will ASSIST staff in running programs for kids, preparing materials for programs, helping with general clean up after programs and being role models for children participating in programs. Most CIT hours are completed on school grounds (No field trip hours). If a CIT shows exemplary skills in assisting children during on-grounds programs, we may contact parents to arrange for field trip volunteer hours.

## **Adult Programs**

### **Adult Basketball.**

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

Day / Time: Sunday - 7:30 - 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, please 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.

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

### **Zumba**

The popular dance aerobics class is back in the Epping Recreation Department with Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen. She has classes on Thursday nights (Cancelled Tuesday classes) 7:45 – 8:45 pm at the EES Gym. 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.

### **Interested in other adult activities?**

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

## **The Porch**

We are a not-for-profit organization.\* Our goal is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to our community by building relationships, meeting physical and financial needs, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives.

Epping Lighthouse will benefit the community in numerous ways, including:

- Running a youth center for teenagers

- Running a children's after-school program

- Giving financially to families who are in need

- Providing free family counseling

- Organizing various programs for teenagers to service others

\*We are currently waiting on the IRS to give us our final paperwork.

### **Kids Club**

Our kids club is for kids in grades 1-5.

We will provide free pick up from EES, and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

We have a structured time of singing, Bible Time and Game Time.

The club starts at 3:15 and goes until 5:00 pm.

### **Teen Central**

Our Teen Central is geared for grades 6-12.

We offer pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball.

We also have computers, a TV, board games and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

Teen Central opens at 2:30 and goes till 4:30.

We provide classes and other events throughout



the year as well.

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

If you are interested, please check us out at [www.eppinglighthouse.org](http://www.eppinglighthouse.org) or you can e-mail us at [eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com](mailto:eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com) to request a form.

# Families First

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

**Epping Family Morning Out** Fridays, 9:30-11 am (beginning September 12) For children ages birth to six, with parents or other caregivers.

Children will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snack. Facilitator: Patricia Keck. Held at the SAU 14 Building (213 Main Street, Epping). Pre-registration not needed. Cost: Free

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

All parents and children are welcome at our Parenting Classes, Parent-Child Groups and Parent Groups. **Advance registration is needed for most programs and is always needed for childcare;** go to [FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org](http://FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org) and click on the Register for Family Programs button, or call 422-8208 x2

## Epping Students in the News

**William Bouchard** was awarded a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Plymouth State University on May 17, 2014

**Taylor Booth** was named to Siena College's Dean's List for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**William Conlin** was named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Cassidy Garrow** has earned an Enrichment Scholarship from Keene State College. This scholarship recognizes first-year students who display high academic performance.

**Hannah Kimball** was awarded a degree of Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Plymouth State University on May 17, 2014 and she was named to the President's List for the Spring 2014 Semester

**Tucker Moss** was named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Zoe Pugliese** was named to the University of Rhode Island Dean's List for the Spring 2014 Semester.



## Epping School District News

### Superintendent Barbara Munsey to Retire

At the July 17<sup>th</sup> Epping School Board meeting, Barbara Munsey, SAU 14 Superintendent announced her retirement, effective June 2015. Her last day will be June 30, 2015. In her 11 years as Superintendent, she has been hardworking and dedicated, working long hours for Epping's children and she has accomplished a great deal for Epping. Now she will have more time to spend with her sons and her husband, David. She will be missed.

The Epping School Board will begin the search process for a new Superintendent.

### School Begins

The first day for students is **Tuesday, September 2, 2014**. This school year, the district will have a similar school calendar to last year with four professional development days scheduled throughout the school year. Professional development days were selected taking into consideration holidays. Parent conference days have not been scheduled as separate days in the school calendar, but will be provided by the school using a flexible schedule. Parents will be notified directly by the school. There will be no early release days. Please visit [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) for the 2014-2015 School Calendar. Students attending the Seacoast School of Technology start **Monday, August 25, 2014** per the SST School Calendar. Please visit <http://www.seacoasttech.com>. Transportation will be provided to (from) SST from (to) Epping High School.

### Bus Routes

Bus routes will be posted under Parents & Community/Transportation on the District Website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org) as soon as the information is available. Routes will also be posted at the schools. Questions should be directed to the Superintendent's Office at 679-8003.

### School Board Meeting Schedule

The Epping School Board holds regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV. Agendas and minutes are posted on the district website at [www.sau14.org](http://www.sau14.org)

**September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

## EES School Calendar

## **Sept. 2** – Preschool Orientation

**Sept. 3** – First Day of School for Preschool

**Sept. 4** – First Day of School for Kindergarten

## Epping High School (EHS)

## Email Address Changed?

## Newsletter Schedule

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

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## Epping Calendar of Events for September 2014

September 1	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – Town Hall and Library closed</b>
September 2	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Epping Schools</b>
September 2	EES First Day of School Celebration for Grades 1-5 – 8:20 - 9:30 am
September 2	EES Preschool Orientation
September 3	EES Preschool First Day of School
September 4	EES Kindergarten First Day of School
September 4	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
September 9	<b>ELECTION DAY for STATE PRIMARY in EMS Gym – 8 am - 7 pm</b>
September 6	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
September 10	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
September 10	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
September 10	Epping Seniors trip to Nicole Bizzaro's
September 11	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm
September 11	Thursday Book Group at the Library – 10:30 am
September 12	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 - 2:30 pm
September 12	Family First Epping Morning Out starts –in SAU Building – 9:30 - 11:00
September 13	Highnote Festival
September 13	Scout Popcorn sales at Walmart
September 13	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
September 14	American Legion Post 51 Sunday Breakfast Buffet – 9:00 -11:30 am
September 15-19	“Seacoast NH Try Transit Week”
September 16	“275 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash” Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
September 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
September 17	? Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
September 17	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
September 18	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. Joseph Church – 2 pm
September 18	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
September 19	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 - 2:30 pm
September 19	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
September 20	American Legion Benefit/Fundraiser Dance with the Backburners (\$16) – 8 pm
September 20	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
September 20	Epping Community Church Dinner “Roast Turkey Dinner” – 5 - 6:30 pm
September 24	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
September 26	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day</b>
September 27	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am



## Epping Calendar of Events for October 2014

Date	Event
October 2	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
October 3	Watson Academy Class of 1954 Reunion at the Historical Society – 2 - 4 pm
October 3	Mary Gatchell in Concert at the Leddy Center
October 4	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
October 8	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
October 8	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
October 9	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Fire Station at 1 pm
October 9	Thursday Book Group at the Library – 10:30 am
October 10	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 - 2:30 pm
October 10	Epping Seniors trip to Demeritt Hill Farm in Lee
October 11	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
October 12	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 9:00 - 11:30 am
<b>October 13</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY – Town Hall and Library closed</b>
October 15	? Epping Y.O.U.T.H. coalition meeting in SAU building – 9 am
October 15	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
October 16	Epping Seniors trip to Candy Factory in Laconia
October 16	Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm
October 17	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 - 2:30 pm
October 17	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting in Town Hall – 7:15 pm
October 18	Epping Community Church Dinner “Fish Fry” – 5 - 6:30 pm
October 18	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
October 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
October 21	“275 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash” Committee meeting at the Town Hall – 7 pm
Oct. 24-Nov. 9	“It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Leddy Center
October 25	Halloween Party at the Library for ages 3 to 10 – 1 - 3 pm
October 25	Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8 - 10 am
<b>October 25</b>	<b>DEADLINE DATE for the November-December issue of the Newsletter</b>
October 28	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at [bhelmstetter@comcast.net](mailto:bhelmstetter@comcast.net) by **October 25, 2014**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.