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About this Newsletter

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Also, check us out on our new **Facebook** page! Join us for more late breaking news and events that could not make our Newsletter deadline. Connect with us and with other local friends, services, businesses and organizations.

Let us know if you have a community event or pictures that you would like to share.

Winter Epping Farmers Markets

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

Remember to Vote on March 13th!

Remember to vote March 13th. Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Middle School Gym.

The following candidates have registered for Town and School offices:

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 3

Paul Spidle

Kellie J. DeBoer

Philip Gamache

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 2 years

Vote for not more than 1

Adam Munguia

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Daniel W. Harvey

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 2 years

Vote for not more than 1

Jerry Langdon

FIRE WARD - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Charlie Goodspeed

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

G. Michael Vose

Lynn. Reinhard

MODERATOR - 2 years

Vote for not more than 1

Robert Goodrich

PLANNING BOARD - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Joseph Foley

Bruce Chapman

SELECTMEN - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

James P. McGeough

Tom Gauthier

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST - 6 years

Vote for not more than 1

Pamela Holmes

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Daniel W. Harvey

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Paul Langdon, Jr.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2 Michael H. Yergeau **David Mylott**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Michele King

Shannon Boelter

Susan H. Kimball

Help Support Our Troops All Year

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

You can drop anything from the following list to Joyce at the Town Hall or contact JoAnne Schottler at 772-8620 or iscatlady@aol.com

Pease Greeters Care Package Wish List

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

Chapsticks Eye Drops Flip Flops

Hand lotion Shampoo White socks mid-calf Deodorant Inner soles Shave gel in tubes Tylenol Foot powder Sanitary items Aspirin Conditioner Mouthwash

Dental Floss Handi-Wipes Handwarmers, etc.

Food items-individually packed to share

Cookies Coffee -1 lb. **Dried Fruit** Tootsie Pops, Rolls Nuts Gum

Beef Jerky Granola Bars Trail mix Freeze Pops Pop-tarts Hard Candy Microwave popcorn Slim Jims Crystal Light, etc. – on-the-go drink mixes

Fun stuff for the Troops

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

Items that cannot be sent Any food containing pork Adult books or magazines

Another way to support our troops

Donate your old cell phone. More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Please make a donation of your old cell phone and provide these soldiers with a much needed connection to their loved ones. There is a drop off box at the Epping Town Hall for your convenience.

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

Please Send News From Our Troops

Please send us news about any men and women with an Epping connection who are serving in our Armed Forces. We honor their dedication and service and we'd like to set aside a section of this Newsletter for news of these brave men and women. Please let us know what they're doing so we can let our readers know. Send the news to us at www.speakupepping.org and we will post it in this Newsletter.

HELP - Knitters Still Needed!

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



Epping Lions Club "We Serve"

Our latest successful event was our first Pancake Breakfast, held at the Epping Community Church on February 11th. Thank you to all those who came out to support us, Starbucks for providing the coffee, and the Community Church for offering us their space. Please check out our website, http://epping.nhlions.org, for information on upcoming events. We plan to have a table and a food drive again this year at the voting polls on March 13th. And mark your calendars for the Annual Lamprey River Canoe Race, coming up in April.

The Lions continue to support the eyeglass boxes located at several locations around town, including the Epping Walmart. Drop off your old eyeglasses to help others who need them. We also recently completed another round of eye testing at all three Epping schools.

Meeting times are posted on our web site, which are generally at 6:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Currently we meet at Checkers Barber Shop downtown. We are always looking for new members who are interested in fellowship and serving their community. We'd love to see you!

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Senior Moments

Someone saw a robin making a nest the other day so we know what that means.

It means we're fueling up the Blue Bird and heading for the Planetarium, the Currier Museum, the Stonewall Kitchen cooking School and much more. We'd like to find a Sugar Shack where we can enjoy breakfast and freshly made maple syrup. Does anyone know of one nearby?

Back to one of our favorite projects -- the soldiers in Afghanistan. The new packages will include surprises such as pictures and stories of our generation of soldiers from the big one - WWII.

THINK SPRING and come to our <u>Super Annual Yard Sale</u>, set for <u>April 21st from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm</u> at the Watson Academy. Each year we find something that the kids don't want or something they gave us that we don't want. We hope someone will want "it". So, remember, if you feel the need to clean out (again) please keep us in mind and we'll be happy to help your causes and ours at the same time. We do ask that shoppers do not come early...we seniors move slowly early in the morning.

Some interesting programs are lined up for this year. They include Britney Howard, the Epping Planner, Pharmacist Jennifer Ford from Walmart Pharmacy on **March 8**th, Bob Goodrich bringing us the history of Epping bricks on **April 12**th, a Pease Greeter representative, therapy dogs and more.

We now have two bowling teams who play every Thursday. It's actually the Wii bowling and when our scores improve, we'll compete in tournaments with teams from Exeter and Newmarket. You might see a trophy in Watson soon.

Senior Citizens.....here are just a few discounts you might not know about:

Applebee's - 5% off with Gold Apple Card (60+) Burger King - 10% off or free coffee (65+)

Denny's - 10% off or 20% for AARP members (55+)

KFC - free drink with any meal (55+) McDonalds - discount coffee everyday (55+) Wendy's - 10% off (55+) Mrs. Fields - 10% off at participating locations

Subway - 10% off (62+)

Big Lots - 10% Off (55+)

Dress Barn - 10% off (55+)

Kmart - 20% off (60+)

Kohls - 15% off (60+)

Rite Aid - 10% off on Tuesdays and 10% off on prescriptions

Submitted by Irene R. Cote

TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST UP, DOWN AND ABOUT THE EPPING TOWN HALL

The present Epping Town Hall was built in 1893, and first heated by fireplaces and coal and lit by oil lamps and later by gas lamps. Plumbing was finally installed several years later in the lobby, kitchen and bathrooms much to the relief of our Board of Health (and undoubtedly everyone in the building). Shortly thereafter, a police court was established on the first floor and prisoners were locked up in the jail cells on the floor below. Long ago someone with a pencil and heavy heart wrote on his cell wall: "Man has a body as well as a soul. It's hard to be poor and honest." The words may still be made out today

The use of oil and gas lamps in the Town Hall became history when electricity was installed in the building in 1909. At that time, our streets were still being lit by lanterns set atop eight-foot poles. They were tended by a town paid lamplighter, who also made sure "all was well" as he made his evening rounds. He used a ladder to light each one and returned the next morning to put them all out. When Lottie Bartlett came from Kingston as the bride of Ralph Goodrich in 1914, she thought it very quaint to see the streets in Epping lit by a lamplighter. At that time, he might have been Civil War veteran, Lyman Cate, after whom Cate Street (formerly Spring Street), was named, or Mr. William Brooks, a one-eyed man also well known about town for his smoked hams.

The plaque listing our Revolutionary soldiers was affixed to the front of the Town Hall and dedicated on Memorial Day in 1921. Mr. Charles Sanborn, former Chairman of the Building Committee, was there and his daughter-in-law Julia sang the hymn "Lest We Forget" before the attentive crowd.

In the upstairs auditorium of the building, the town piano was always available for any event, such as a lively minstrel show, concert or play. There were weddings and receptions held up there,

as well as meetings of all kinds including Klan, benefits and elegant dances featuring grand marches.

In 1923, the town voted to establish a Municipal Court in the Town Hall. George Gilmore, the local druggist, veterinarian and town health officer, was appointed the first judge and served for 20 years. He was followed by Arthur MacFarlane (from 1943 to 1957), who owned a watch repair and jewelry shop in what is now 123 Main Street and whose beautiful pocket watches are genuine collector's items.

Kendall Prescott Chase was appointed as judge by Gov. Wesley Powell in 1958, and in his honor the Court was kept open until he retired in 1983. The well-used impressive judge's desk and the witness stand (where many persons probably stood with shaky knees), were both stored in a local barn and later brought to the Historical Society where they are prominently displayed.

In 1888, well before the Epping Town Hall was built, a clock was given to the town by Mrs. Simpson, the widow of a Congregational Church deacon. It was installed in the belfry of that church (now the Epping Community Church on Pleasant Street), and there it has remained, carefully tended and chiming the hours to this day. As for the "clock tower" in the Town Hall, it seems destined to remain little more than a happy haven for generations of pesky bats and pigeons. Back in the 1940's, Mr. Lussier, the Town Hall janitor and a definite bird lover, most sadly lost both his balance and his life while feeding the pigeons nesting up there – and falling to the street below.

More recently some folks working upstairs in the Town Hall late at night felt uneasy enough to lock up and leave the building, while others seemed not to have been bothered at all. And some of us have just learned to live with those odd things that can occur in an old Epping place from time to time.

This article is tenth of a series Text/research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

The next Epping Historical Society program kicks off on **Thursday**, **April 26**th at 7:00 pm at the Society building at 11 Water Street. It pleases the Society to welcome back famed New Hampshire storyteller Rebecca Rule, who will regale attendees with the wit and humor of the many stories she has collected over the years. The program will be preceded by a short business meeting and followed by light refreshments.

Research and the collection of material for the Folsom Dam sign project have been completed. Sign design activity has begun. The timeline for sign installation will likely slip into the summer months. The Society will begin planning a celebratory event over the next several weeks to mark the installation of the signs. Look for an announcement by early April.

The Board of Directors completed their review of the Society by-laws and will submit a proposed revision to the membership for a vote at the April program meeting. A copy of the revised by-laws and an explanation of the changes will be sent to members in March.

The new membership year for the Epping Historical Society began on January 1st. Members should plan to send in their membership dues at their earliest convenience. Call the Society at 679-2944 if you are uncertain about your membership status.

The Board continues to work on a capital improvement plan for the Society building. Plans are underway to apply for grants to fund some portion of the needed improvements. The EHS must raise the rest of the funds through a fundraising campaign.

Please visit the Epping Historical Society on Mondays between 9:00 am and noon, or call 679-2944 for an appointment if you desire to do research using the Society's collections.

NH Aviation Historical Society

Aviation is alive and well in New Hampshire. I have had the opportunity to visit and begin to be part of a museum called the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society.

Located at 13 Perimeter Road, Londonderry NH, the Museum is in a former 1937 terminal building. It has exhibits on the beginnings of Manchester Airport, from the transportation of passengers in the 1930's, to becoming a military base in WWII, to returning to civilian use after the war. The exhibits and displays represent history from the past to the present and even beyond.

The museum is staffed by knowledgeable personnel who will give a tour of the facility.

This is a great museum for anyone with an interest in aviation or who seeks to know more about aviation and its history. NHAHS encourages membership and/or volunteers.

For information, call 669-4820 or 1-800-423-7662 or contact the website at www.nhahs.

Submitted by Dan Bennis

The Civil War Roundtable of NH

On **March 16th (3rd Friday)**, Mr. Dave Nelson, will present his program "NH Flag Preservation" (battle flags from NH Regiments in the Civil War). ;;p(Historian) will present his program "Richard Johnson: Ex-slave and Member of the US Colored Troops and GAR."

On **May 18th (3rd Friday)**, Mr. Dave Gurin (GMCWRT) will present his program: "5th New Hampshire after Gettysburg."

On **June 15th (3rd Friday)**, Mr. Mike Dumont (Cape Fear CWRT, BOD New Bern Historical Society); "Battle of New Bern."

All programs are on the nights indicated and are held in the Epping Town Hall in the main floor meeting room. We start our meetings at 7:15 pm with the business portion. It is followed by the program, which is televised live and recorded on Epping Channel 22. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The public is welcome at no charge.

2012 Meeting Schedule

March 16th April 13th (2nd Friday) May 18th June 15th

Please eel free to log onto our website: http://www.www.cwrt-nh.org to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH. If you choose TO JOIN, great! We like to increase our membership, and all are welcome to be part of our group (students of all ages are welcomed).

Thank you for your interest in advance. Submitted by Dan Bennis (BM CWRTNH)

Remembering Titanic

On the 14th and 15th of April, the world will remember the loss of the ocean liner Titanic. <u>BEGINNING:</u>

In 1907, over dinner, J. Bruce Ismay (Managing Director of White Star Line) and Lord Pirrie (Chairman of Wolff Shipyard, Belfast, Ireland) conceived of the idea of building large ships to transport passengers between Europe and America. The White Star Line was now part of the International Mercantile Marine Company, chaired by American industrialist, J. P. Morgan.

The three largest liners in the world were designed and built in Belfast, Ireland, Olympic (launched 10/20/1908), Titanic (launched 5/11/1911) and later Britannic (launched 2/26/1914). The Titanic was around 47,000 tons in weight, 882.5 ft. long, 92.5 ft. wide with the newest propulsion technology.

DEPARTURE:

On April 2, 1912, the Titanic left Belfast, Ireland and arrived at the White Star Line dock in Southampton, England to prepare for her maiden voyage. On April 10, 1912, the Titanic, under the command of veteran Captain E. J. Smith, set sail for New York, USA. Disaster was averted after Titanic's propellers tore the moorings of the liner America and maneuvering the Titanic away from the other ship prevented a collision. Off schedule, Cherbourg, France was the first port of call to add more passengers. The next and final stop was Queenstown, Ireland, where more passengers, mostly Irish families who wanted to start a new life in America, were taken on board. The Titanic now had approximately 2,200 passengers and crew on board and set sail westward toward her destination, New York City.

VOYAGE AND COLLISION:

Over the next three days, the weather and seas were calm and passengers enjoyed and explored the new ship. Accommodations on board were fit for each class. Meanwhile, the two wireless operators, Jack Phillips and Harold Bride were busy sending messages for passengers on board, using the new invention, the wireless telegraph invented by Guglielmo Marconi. From April 11th to the 14th, many messages about sightings of icebergs kept coming from other ships (20 or so were received), but they were not heeded as a serious threat.

On the night of Sunday, April 14th, 1912, 400 miles off Grand Banks, Newfoundland, the crew and passengers prepared for another day, the crew going about their duties. The temperature that night had fallen below freezing, the lookouts on the 10 pm to midnight watch, Frederick Fleet and Reginald Lee, were perched high up in the crow's nest keeping watch for icebergs. At 11:40 pm, Fleet sighted a large dark mass increasing in size. He pulled the cord on the warning bell three times and phoned the bridge. The ship's 6th officer answered and heard Fleet exclaim "ICEBERG STRAIGHT AHEAD." Orders were given and the ship was steered away from the iceberg and danger. But not so, the iceberg had done serious damage to the ship and after damage reports came in, Captain Smith knew his ship was doomed. He ordered lifeboats uncovered and made preparations to abandon ship - his final command. The time was 12:05 am on April 15th. At 12:15 am, he ordered the wireless operators to send a request for help. The signal "CQD" was used, then switched to "SOS.' Titanic would be the first to use this new signal. Many ships answered the call for help. The

Cunard liner Carpathia was under the command of Captain Arthur Rostrum, who ordered his ship about and from 58 miles away, sped full steam ahead to the Titanic's aid. Mysteriously, the Leyland liner Californian was within visual distance, but did not respond, ignoring the signal rockets fired by the Titanic's crew. Time was against the liner as passengers were placed in the lifeboats, mostly women and children.

By 1:15 am, the forward part of the ship was below the surface of the ocean. At 2:20 am, the largest liner in the world slipped beneath the cold North Atlantic and 1,500 passengers and crew lost their lives, including half of the ship's eight officers, Captain Smith and Thomas Andrews, the Managing Director of Harland and Wolff. J. B. Ismay got away in a lifeboat. Thanks to the gallant efforts of the Carpathia, arriving on the scene at 4:00 am, 700 souls were saved and transported to New York. AFTERMATH:

This event changed ocean travel. Today all ships at sea are required to have adequate lifesaving equipment and lifeboats. Radio operators are required 24 hours a day. Also, 14 countries are part of the International Ice Patrol.

Titanic today sits on the floor of the North Atlantic and this year, like years past, a wreath will be dropped overboard at its last radioed position (41.46N, 50.14W). Thanks to the efforts of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Dr. Robert Ballard, the world can now see the remains of the wreck. More importantly, the ship is a tomb for those who were lost that night. This year, there will be many events to mark the 100th anniversary of the loss of this great ship.

RESEARCH:

I do not claim to be an expert on Titanic, so I suggest reading the many books available in the library or research online to learn about Titanic and her sister ships.

I write this article in memory of those who were lost and those who survived that night on the North Atlantic.

Submitted by Dan Bennis <u>dddbennis@msn.com</u>



Epping Garden Club

The Epping Garden Club is very proud to announce the first in our lineup of presentations by local gardeners. On **Wednesday evening, March 28**th, Barbara Helmstetter will offer a talk on the joy gardening has brought to her throughout the years. She will also be offering us all general gardening

tips, tips on growing and using herbs, plants to attract hummingbirds and butterflies and tips on how to save money this year by starting our own vegetable and flower plants from seed. Barb is a long-time member of the Epping Garden Club and helped plan and plant the beautiful landscaping around our Town Hall. Please come and join us for this kickoff to Spring on March 28th at 7 pm at the Epping Library.

The EGC will be holding our annual plant sale during the Memorial Day parade in May, featuring locally grown perennials, our own home grown vegetable and flower seedlings, as well as some additional offerings to be donated by a local greenhouse. We would love to get some ideas of what exactly town residents would like us to sell at the parade, so if you are on Facebook please drop us a line with special requests and we will do our best to fulfill your wishes.

In June, the EGC will be holding a small yard sale in conjunction with the Friends of the Library's book sale during the annual Toy Sale behind the library. Please come and support these very important community groups. If you would like to be added to the EGC's email list to receive updates on when we will be meeting, please e-mail us at: http://www.eppinggardenclub@gmail.com



Leddy Center

The 2012 season at the Leddy Center begins with the hilarious comedy of the '30's, "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, from March 23rd through April 1st. It starred Lionel Barrymore and James Stewart in the 1938 movie of the same name. The movie won two Academy Awards, including Best Picture, in 1938. It is the story of the Sycamore family, who at first seems completely mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy and very rich Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony, the attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home on the wrong evening. The numerous goings on in this show are destined to tickle your funny bone.

Next at the Leddy Center, the Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof" will be on stage July 6th through the 22nd. Mary Gatchell will return with her amazing band from NYC for "Mary Gatchell in Concert" on October 15th. "The Wizard of Oz," L. Frank Baum's masterpiece for the whole family, will

follow from October 26th through November 14th. The 2012 season will conclude with the Charles Dickens Family Christmas classic "A Christmas Carol," from November 30th through December 9th.

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.

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ETV Schedule

Channel 22 - ETV - Schedule - live programs

Monday - Mar. 5 & 19, Apr. 2 & 23

Selectmen - 7 pm

<u>Tuesday</u> – Mar. 6, Apr. 3 - Water and Sewer - 7 pm

<u>Tuesday</u> – Mar. 27, Apr. 24 - Fire Wards - 7 pm Wednesday – Mar. 7, Apr. 4 - Recreation - 7 pm

<u>Thursday</u> – Mar. 1 & 15, Apr. 5 & 19 - School

Board

<u>Thursday</u> – Mar. 8, Apr. 12 - Planning Board - 6 pm <u>Friday</u> – Mar. 16, Apr. 20 – Civil War Round Table -7:15 pm

Monday Meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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Thursday - 11 am

Monday - 3 pm

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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 by going to

http://etv22@pegcentral.com. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

NEW also available is "live" video streaming. You can watch the meetings from anywhere as they are being broadcast live -- by going to: http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html.

News From the Town

The last days to register to vote before the Town Election are Friday, March 2, 2012 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Town Clerk's Office or Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Town Hall with the Supervisors of the Check List. You may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

Town Elections will be held on **March 13th** from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Epping Middle School Gym. The Town Reports will be ready and can be picked up at the Town Elections. They then will be available at the Town Hall.

Looking ahead, the last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary on September 11, 2012 will be ☐June 5, 2012 ☐ at the Town Clerk's Office from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and at the Town Hall with the ☐Supervisors of the Checklist from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Duck Race

Buy a numbered Lucky Duck for the Duck Race at the Lamprey River Canoe Race in April and if your Duck swims the fastest you could win four Red Sox tickets for the game on August 27th against the Royals. Buy your lucky numbered duck today at the Town Hall or the Epping Recreation Center for \$10.00 each.

Funds raised will help Epping kids attend Epping Recreation Programs.

Brickyard Square

At the Planning Board meeting on February 23rd, Doug Richardson from Waterstone said that Famous Footwear, Dressbarn, Petsmart, and Marshalls will be opening at the end of March.

Waterstone was also before the Board to show them Phase three of the project. Phase three will have a Michaels and an O'Neil Cinema. The movie theater will have 10 screens and if everything goes as planned they will be opening in the Fall of this year.

For more information, Waterstone's website is: http://waterstoneretail.com/_webapp_2972913/Brickyard_Square

Seeking Lamprey River Grant Applications

Do You Have a Big Idea for a Small Grant?

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is seeking creative, hard-working individuals or groups to apply for small grants that help to spread the word about the Lamprey River. The committee seeks projects whose goal is outreach that highlights protection of the river's outstanding wildlife and ecology, history, recreation, or other attributes. Past projects have included videos, town trail planning and mapping, land and soil conservation education, water conservation tools, on-site septic system reviews for landowners, curriculum revision, and a lending library of tools that remove invasive plants. All proposed projects need to address an issue identified in the Lamprey River Management Plan, 2007 revision, located at www.lampreyriver.org. Grants up to \$5000 will be considered for the best proposals.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2012. Details for the Small Grants Program can be found at www.lampreyriver.org or by contacting Sharon Meeker, chair of the outreach sub-committee, at s-meeker@comcast.net or 659-5441. The committee wants to hear from you!



Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

Past Events:

Monarchs Scout night

Pack 136 families attended a Monarchs game and they played the Worcester Sharks. What a game!!! Lots of action and the Monarchs won the game in overtime.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Another Successful Blue and Gold! We celebrated local heroes such as Policemen, Armed Forces, Doctors and Nurses and Firefighters. A HUGE Thank You to Craig Clough and Pat Oumansour for leading the Webelos 2 – Cobra Patrol to get their Arrows of Light. Congratulations to Nick Clough, Connor Jennings, Luke Marchisio, Nathaniel Marshall, Zachary Oumansour, Anthony Spinelli and Miklos Toth. These boys worked hard to earn the coveted Arrow of Light award. Thank you to all the committee members, Den leaders, parent volunteers and members of the community that devote their personal time to make Scouts a success!

Upcoming Events:

The March Pack meeting will be at the EMS café Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm.

The April Pack meeting will be at the EMS café Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm.

GENTLEMEN...GET READY...SET.....RACE!!!!!
PINEWOOD DERBY is coming! Saturday.
March 17th at 9 am at the Epping Elementary
School Gymnasium

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

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.

SCOUTING =FUN, Don't miss out!

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

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

handicapped accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

Come join us at one of our upcoming Pack meetings. If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our Cubmaster Craig Clough at cclough154@comcast.net or 734-2124. Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack

http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=1990596 85109&fbb=r6c4d2187&refid=46 or for more Pack information, please check out our website: http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar

Boy Scout Troop 136

The Troop was very active over the past months, completing a season of outdoor winter events.

Troop 136 had their January campout up at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton. Despite the lack of snow, the boys were able to enjoy ice fishing, campfires and winter survival skills.

In February, the Troop had a great showing at the annual Klondike Derby. The patrol from Troop 136 placed 4th overall in the general competition that included First Aid, Ravine crossing, Fire building and more. The patrol tied for 1st place in the Ravine crossing, claimed sole possession of 1st place in First Aid, and represented their Troop well in all other categories. In the first ever Winter Challenge, designed for 1st Class Scouts and above, Troop 136 made history by taking 1st place in this biathlon event, which combined miles of snowshoeing with rifle shooting. The four Scouts, Sawyer Begin, Ritchie Smith, Dylan Rees, and Sean Day started with a disadvantage, having to leave the starting gate late, only to surpass all other teams and come out victorious! The Scouts will always be able to claim they were the first to win the Winter Challenge. Of special note was Steven Chadwick, who unselfishly, and without prior training, joined three Scouts from Troop 1 of Fremont when one of their Scouts withdrew due to sickness. This was a true display of Scouting spirit.

A Scout is reverent. On Sunday February 5th, the Scouts from Troop 136 participated in Scout Sunday at the Epping Community Church, their charter organization, as well as many other houses of worship in the local area.

On February 10th to 12th, the Scouts were once again out in the nine degree weather, spending a night in emergency shelters at Camp Zion in

Raymond. They were able to complete their shelters, start fires with one match and one piece of wood and complete a compass and GPS course, while mentoring the Webelo II Scouts from Pack 136

March 9th to 11th, the Scouts will be camping with other Troops in the region at the Straw property in Epping with a potential trip to the UNH Observatory. In April, the Scouts will be preparing and training for the Tri-District Jamboree and competition, to be held in Upstate NY with Troops from the Northeast US and Canada.

Check out the Veterans Memorial constructed by Eagle Scout Candidate Christian Cook at the American Legion Post in Epping. On the grounds of the American Legion Post 51, Christian has coordinated an effort to erect a beautiful and very moving War Memorial to our fallen service personnel. It will be worth stopping by to visit and plans are already underway to expand the Memorial.

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

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



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Cookies for Sale Now!! For where and when, go to http://cookielocator.littlebrownie.com

Girl Scout camp is traditional camping at its best available for ALL girls!

Girls have fun and try new things in a beautiful outdoor setting. Each camp allows girls the opportunity to try traditional camp activities that may include swimming, boating, arts and crafts, ecology, hiking, and cooking out. At Girl Scout camp, girls are involved in creating the camp experience that they want. Girls brainstorm, make decisions and plan with their counselors to create a session of adventure!

Our summer staff includes college students, mothers, teachers and others who enjoy working with children. They all complete an application, references, an interview, and background check before participating in pre-camp training.

Camp experiences available for Scouts of the

Green and White Mountains:

Day Camp

Camp Seawood in Portsmouth, NH

Grades K to 8

Sessions available between July 9 and August 10

Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm

Before and after care available for an additional fee

Day camp cost range: \$190-\$360

Open House

Sunday, June 10 1-3 pm

For more information call 888.474.9686 or visit http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org

Financial aid and busing are available

Resident Camps

Camp Chenoa in Antrim, NH Camp Farnsworth in Thetford, VT

Grades K-12

June 24 - August 10

Price range:

4-day \$245-\$260

1-week \$410-\$550

2-weeks \$710-\$900



Explorer Post 716 and the

Epping Fire Department

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

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

Explorer Post 716

The Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716 is accepting new members. The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The Explorers, young men and women ages 14 to 20, learn how to use the Fire Department equipment and do search and rescue. Once the probationary (learning) period is over, they may assist on fire calls. Explorers are allowed to ride on the apparatus if seats are available, assist firefighters with the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), supervise the rescue truck and perform many other duties at a fire scene. For more information call Cliff Cray at 396-9436 or leave a message for him at 679-5446

Police Explorer Post 714

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

4-H Members Attend Citizenship Conference in D.C.

4-H members Morgan King and Colleen McCormack of Epping along with Brittany Wheeler of Merrimack County attended the National 4-H Citizenship Forum in Washington D.C. over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. The focus of the conference was to learn about citizenship and civic engagement and to create a plan to increase community involvement in their own counties. The conference also included a night tour of the monuments and a day of community service with projects benefitting veterans and their families as well as the Children's Inn at NIH, a cancer treatment facility.

As members of the NH 4-H Teen Council, the teens are considering ways to incorporate lessons on civic engagement into their upcoming conference this summer. King said, "although volunteering has been a part of our 4-H activities, going to this citizenship forum has enlightened me on new and different ways to think about citizenship and how I can incorporate it into everything I do." McCormack reflected that she appreciated the conference because she "got the opportunity to practice leadership and developed new ideas about what citizenship means to me."

The teens hope that by bringing this information back to the 2012 Teen Conference they can create a ripple effect and increase civic engagement throughout the state.

4-H is the youth development program of the UNH Cooperative Extension and has the mission to help youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. The role of Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program is to help communities create positive youth experiences though community clubs, afterschool programs and special programs. For more information on 4-H clubs and programs in Rockingham County, call (603) 679-5616 or see http://www.bit.lyRockCty4H



(It to rt) B. Wheeler, M. King, C. McCormick visit Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in January, 2012.

Epping Community Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We exist for one reason, to serve God. Our Food Pantry, Coats of Caring closet, and other programs are present not because of works, but because fruit is borne out of right relationship with God in Christ.

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

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

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

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

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am and is located at the Community Church on the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets. Serving family and individuals who find themselves in difficult circumstances, a variety of food items (perishable and nonperishable) are made available. Because there is such great need, we are joined in the effort by St. Roman Catholic Church, Walmart, Starbucks. Hannaford's, students and teachers of the Epping School system, the Boy Scouts, the U.S. Postal Service and an entire group of very dedicated individuals within our church and from the community. Suggested items for donation to the Food Pantry are: Cereal, Soup, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Canned Veggies, Crackers, Juice, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Dish Liquid, Laundry Soap

We generally hold a "Third Saturday Dinner" the third Saturday of each month. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for \$8.00, under 12 for \$4.00. On **Saturday, March 17**th, we will be serving a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, turnips, Irish Soda

bread, brownies and ice cream and beverages. On **Saturday, April 21**st, we will be serving our very popular Roast Turkey Dinner, including mashed potatoes, butternut squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, cornbread and butter, homemade pies and beverage. You don't need a reservation and all funds raised go toward our Building Program. Thank you for your patronage

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

Holy Week Services:

- 1. **Holy Thursday** Service of Communion will be held at 7:00 pm, **April 5**^{th.}
- 2. **Saturday Breakfast of Blessing** will be offered Saturday, **April 7**th, from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. While others may be hunting for Easter eggs, we are scrambling ours for your breakfast on Saturday, **April 7**th. We are offering this breakfast free of charge as our way of sharing Easter blessings with the community.
- 3. Easter Celebration of Worship Sunday, April $\mathbf{8}^{\text{th}}$ at 9:00 am.

Looking ahead, we are going to hold a special music concert benefit for the Epping Community Church building fund. A freewill offering will be taken. The concert will be held on **Saturday, May 12**th. The concert will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy music presented by the Epping Community Church Chancel Choir, the Epping Community Church Bell Choir and the ECC Praise/Jazz Band. There will be a brief intermission midway through the concert program.

Anyone who is not able to attend but would like to contribute to the building program may send their tax deductible gift to Epping Community Church, P.O. Box 313, Epping, NH 03042. We wish to begin our first phase on the building addition which will provide elevator access to our second floor Sanctuary. Thanks to everyone in advance for your prayers, financial gifts, and support of the many ministries and work of ECC.

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone 603 679-8805

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 7:00 pm on February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. On Friday, March 30th, Living Stations will be at 6:00 pm.

Palm Sunday Service Masses, vigil **Saturday**, **March 31**st, **Sunday**, **April 1**st, 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Holy Week Schedule is:

Holy Thursday, April 5th - Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday, April 6th - Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm with Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 7th - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm. Easter Sunday, April 8th - Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena begins.

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

Epping Bible Baptist Church

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

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

Morning worship Service begins at 10:45 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have all our services online for your viewing. www.eppingbible.org. Also, our Sunday morning services are aired on ETV – channel 22.



Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library 151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to Town Hall (603) 679-5944 Fax (603) 679-5884 www.eppinglibrary.com

Epping loves its libraries! Our first public library opened in 1892 with 109 books and has now outgrown the "big, modern building" that opened in 1964. Library Director Bradley Green discards almost as many books as he purchases for the main library upstairs because the shelves are full to overflowing! The children's room houses titles for toddlers to teens, and rarely has enough room for everyone to find a "quiet" spot after school, especially when we have a program. The hope of the staff and trustees is to add on to the current building to provide more space for books, programs, meetings, public computer access and the many different needs the public library fills for the town. Just up the hill, elementary students have a wonderful school library where they learn how to find a book that's "just right" and begin to develop research skills. The middle and high school students have an amazing media center of their own, full of opportunities to expand their horizons and find answers to the many questions of adolescence. Each library is staffed professionals who are dedicated to creating lifelong learners and fulfilling the dream voiced in Dudley Harvey's will, which provided funds for a library that sought "to educate and elevate the intelligence of the people (of Epping)." Our libraries are an important part of our town. Don't forget to vote on March 13th!

Are you aware of the various groups that provide opportunities to serve our community here at the public library? Epping's Cub Scout Pack 136 has an ink cartridge recycling collection box upstairs, which keeps cartridges out of the trash

and provides funds for the Scouts. Downstairs there is a small fishbowl used to collect Box Tops for Education, which are taken up to the Elementary School whenever the bowl fills to overflowing. The Friends of the Library help collect non-perishable food items for the local food pantry and continually strive to re-home discarded books through the downstairs Book Sale Room.

Coming Up in March and April: For Adults:

Book Groups – please call 679-5944 for monthly book group selections. Multiple copies of each title are available at the main desk.

Eclectic Book Group: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group: Meets the third Wednesday of each month for folks who prefer the classics. 7:00 pm

Knit Night - second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 pm downstairs. Comfy workspace, free internet and the fellowship of other knitters – what more could you want? Bring your own yarn and needles. For more information please contact knitting group coordinator, Marjorie Pim at marjpim@yahoo.com

Teddy Roosevelt's Nobel Prize: NH and the Portsmouth Peace Treaty

On **Thursday, March 13th** at 7:00 pm, the library is proud to present this program from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It will be presented by Charles B. Doleac, co-founder and president of the Japan-America Society of New Hampshire, and founder/moderator of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum.

Teddy Roosevelt chose Portsmouth to be the site of the 1905 peace treaty negotiations between the Russian and Japanese delegations to end the Russo Japanese War. The 30 days of talks with multiple world powers earned Roosevelt the Nobel Peace Prize.

Programs for Children:

Preschool Story Hour provides play time, songs, stories and crafts for children ages 2 – 6. There are currently three public Story hour times: Wednesdays at 10:30, and Thursdays at 10:30 and 1:30. Preregistration is not required and younger siblings are always welcome.

Pajama Night: 2nd Friday each month at 6:30 pm Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun family event for kids ages 2-8.

March 9th - Dr. Seuss! A fun celebration of the

creatures, places and rhymes that fill stories by Dr. Seuss. Colorful crafts and a "seusstastical" scavenger hunt followed by classic Seuss stories with Miss Tracie.

April 13th – Pie Stories This PJ Night will begin with the Story Play by the Story Explorers based on the 2011 Ladybug Nominee, "Ugly Pie" by Lisa Wheeler. The scavenger hunt and crafts that follow will keep to a bakery theme with plenty of (potentially messy) hands-on activities. Bring an apron if you have one to protect your pajamas.

Story Explorers:

This after school program for children in kindergarten, first and second grades meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30. There are three sessions during the year, each requiring preregistration, as the class size is limited to 12. The winter session is currently working on its annual story play for April's Pajama Night. The spring session will begin on May 1st and run for 8 weeks in May and June, focusing on the art and science found in so many children's books. Snacks are provided by gracious volunteers and parents are requested to remain in the building during class time. Call 679-5944 to register.

Reading Friends:

Readers in first and second grade are invited to join Miss Angela on Wednesday afternoons to practice reading aloud with peers. Snacks are provided and parents are required to remain in the building. Space will be limited to eight students so the kids feel comfortable, and preregistration is required. The next session begins March 7th at 3:30 and runs for 8 weeks.

Vacation Movie Series:

During the week of April 23rd, the library will run its vacation movie series, showing a children's film each afternoon at 1:00. We will present "Hop," "Happy Feet 2," "The Muppets" and "The Adventures of TinTin" plus one other film not selected at print time. Thursday afternoon Story Hour will be canceled during vacation week. Children attending the movies must be accompanied by a responsible big person and are encouraged to bring a spill-resistant drink and a snack to share. Check the website in April for the finalized schedule.

Summer is coming...and with it comes this year's Summer Reading Program, which will follow the national theme of "Dream Big," an exploration of our dreams for ourselves, our town and our world as well as a peek into what goes on in the night while we're busy sleeping.

As we start preparing for summer reading we need to know which of our summer volunteers will be returning this year and who might like to join us. On Thursday, March 22nd those interested in volunteering can come to an information exchange at 4:00 pm when we will brainstorm ideas for the summer. Students currently in 5th grade and above are eligible for the volunteer program.

As summer approaches, we also want to remind you to save your gently used toys, games and outdoor equipment for the annual **Toy Sale** in June that raises funds to support the summer reading program. Watch for future details on collection dates and volunteer opportunities.

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

Friends of the Library

Thank you to the Friends for their continued support of the library, and in particular, their recent assistance in the Book Sale Room. This small space gets overwhelmed quickly by generous donations and needs constant weeding of the library collection. A huge thank you goes to Friends Pat VanWagoner and Joan Harlow for their efforts in sorting and organizing the mess that the book sale had become. We hope shoppers will discover a much cleaner space, with titles sorted by topic and genre. Our hope is to keep it organized, sending obsolete and unwanted items to alternate book recycling organizations and keeping the floor clear! The Book Sale Room is available whenever the library is open though the door is usually closed to keep out wandering toddlers. Hardcover books are just 50 cents and paperbacks are only 25 cents. If you find you're filling a box, simply make an offer.

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

Save The Date —On Thursday, May 10th at 7 pm. at the Library, the Friends of the Library will host a NH Humanities Council presentation by J. Dennis Robinson on "The Making of Strawberry Banke."

The Friends meet at the library September through June on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. New members are always welcome.

The Porch

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

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

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

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

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

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

Epping Recreation Department News

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

Director: Nicole Bizzaro 17 Academy Street

Phone: 679-3301 Fax: 679-3006

rec@townofepping.com

epping recreation. org/avenue ayouth center. org

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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

Epping Recreation Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be making his way to Epping on **March 31**st, and needs help finding his lost eggs. The Epping Recreation Department invites Epping children to come to the Epping Elementary School field from 10:30 to 11:30 am and participate in the free Easter Egg Hunt. Turn in your eggs for candy and prizes!

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!

<u>Days / Times</u>: Thurs - 7:30-9:00 pm

Sun - 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

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

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. 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 10 nights, please bring in your next payment of \$30 for 10 additional nights. You will not be allowed to play if we do not have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

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

Guitar Lessons at Watson Academy

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

Lessons are for Ages 8 – Adult.

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

Contact: Joseph K. Murphy 608-8672

josephkmurphy@gmail.com

http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/

Ceramics Classes

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

Zumba

The popular dance aerobics class has come to the Epping Recreation Department! We are pleased to announce our new Zumba Instructor, Cassandra Mullen! We are offering Classes at 7:45 pm in the Epping Middle School Café.

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

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

Karate Classes

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

*SPECIAL: New students who sign up will receive

TWO FREE WEEKS!

*All beginners receive a FREE uniform!

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

Friends of Epping Recreation Department □

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

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Families First Health and Support Center has expanded its programming in Epping this winter. They will be presenting a parenting class called "Who's In Charge In Your Home?" on Wednesday evenings from **March 14**th **to March 28**th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm: Topics include: "The ABCs of Being in Charge," "Using 1,2,3 Magic," and "How to Talk So Kids Will Cooperate."

Put yourself in the driver's seat. You will be happier, and so will your kids.

These programs are facilitated by Joanna Wicklein, CFLE and Bob Pavlik, M.Ed. and will be held in the Epping Elementary School. These programs are free, but registration is required. Please call: 603 422-8208 x-123 or 603 679-8018 x-448.

Childcare is available, but space is limited. This is not a school-sponsored event.

This program is made possible by Walmart Logistics in Raymond.

In addition, Families First will continue offering Family Morning Out facilitated by Jodi Foster, every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Epping Recreation Center. Family Morning Out is open to all families with children ages 0 to 6. The program begins with activities for children and parents together. Afterward, parents and children are separated and enjoy time with their peers. There is no charge to attend, but advance signup is required: Call Families First at 422-8208, ext. 2.

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

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



Epping School District News

This school year we have a similar school calendar to last year. There will be no early release days and professional development training days for staff members have been scheduled on days prior to holiday weekends. Visit www.sau14.org for the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

School Board Meeting Schedule

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

March 1st and 15th April 5th and 19th

Epping Sponsors Child Find Program

The Epping School District will be sponsoring an area Child Find Program. The program is designed to screen children ages 2.5 through 5 who are suspected of having special learning disabilities that may interfere with later school progress. The screening is FREE and available to all families living in the town of Epping.

Children will be screened in the areas of learning, speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, hearing and vision. Results of the assessments will be available to parents at the time of the screening. All information will be kept confidential and will only be released to other professionals, i.e., school system or physician with parental consent.

The screening will take place on **Saturday**, **March 10**th (snow date March 17th) at the Epping

SAU, 213 Main Street starting at 8:00 am. Appointments are necessary. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Katie Buchanan at the Epping Preschool at 679-8003 ext. 107, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Epping Elementary School (EES) Epping Kindergarten Registration

Epping Elementary School asks parents and guardians of children eligible to attend Epping Kindergarten to join school staff for a meal and registration program that will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on **Wednesday, March 14**th at the Epping Elementary School. The school currently offers a free half-day public kindergarten program and three full day classes that charge tuition for the extra half-day. All Epping children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2012 may attend kindergarten at the school.

Parents and guardians should call 679-8018 to let the school know they intend to register a child for the 2012-13 school year and whether they will be able to attend the registration session.

At the March 14th registration, parents will meet staff and other parents; complete the registration process and schedule children for screenings; and learn about the kindergarten program and take a tour of a kindergarten classroom. The school will serve pizza and healthy snacks for all who attend.

Parents and guardians are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and immunization records to the March 14th meeting. According to New Hampshire state law, children cannot enter school without these documents. Parents are urged to schedule appointments with their physicians for a health examination if they have not done so.

The March 14th meeting is for parents, guardians and the school staff so that there is time to explain the kindergarten program, answer questions and schedule screening appointments. **Children should not attend this meeting.** They will be welcome at all other times.

Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Epping Elementary PTO will hold their third annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, March 31**st, from 8:30-10:30 am at the Epping Elementary School to raise money for student enrichment programs. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee. The breakfast

will be served by parents and student volunteers. Everyone is invited to please come and enjoy a tasty breakfast while supporting a good cause. This fun family event also includes free face painting, coloring, and crafts.

The cost of the breakfast is \$4.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for seniors and children 12 and under. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$2.00.

February 27

to March 2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break.

<u>March 5</u> **PTO meeting** 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

<u>March 5 to April 4</u> Residency days with Huey, Artist in Residence

<u>March 10</u> Child Find Program starting at 8 am at the School

Appointments are necessary. Please call Katie Buchanan at the Epping Preschool for an appointment (603) 679-8003, ext. 107. Snow date is March 17th

March 13 NO SCHOOL Election Day/Teacher Professional Development Day

<u>March 14</u> Kindergarten registration and supper 6:00 to 7:30 pm in EES multi-purpose room

<u>March 14-18</u> Families First Parenting Workshop "Who's in Charge in Your Home" 6:30 to 8:00 pm at EES

March 17 Child Find Snow date

March 27 New England Brass all-school assembly 9:00 to 9:45 am

<u>March 31</u> PTO Pancake Breakfast and Easter Bunny Pictures

Epping Recreation FREE Easter Egg Hunt 10:30-11:30 am on EES Field

<u>April 2</u> **PTO meeting** 7:00 pm in the EES art room. Free babysitting in the Library

April 4 Culminating event of Artist in Residence program. Potluck supper at 6:00 pm with students' movies starting at 7:00 pm

<u>April 11</u> NO SCHOOL Conference/Teacher Professional Development Day

April 23 – 27 NO SCHOOL – Spring Vacation

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Congratulations to the following students whose work was submitted to the **New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards** to be judged in the State competition. The work selected was on display at Pinkerton Academy in February.

A ceremony for the students was held on February 4th. The following students received recognition:

Hanna Chomas, Digital Art Photography and Photography, 1 Gold Key, 4 Honorable Mentions Eliza Kucera, Mixed Media White on White, Honorable Mention

Alexander Johnson, Drawing and Painting, Honorable Mention

Vanessa Perry, Sculpture headband from recycled candy wrappers, Honorable Mention.

The following students had work on display at the Art Awards:

Danielle McKay, Digital Art Photography

Tanner Crenshaw, Ceramic head container

Sophie Jordan, Mixed Media Collage recycled toy pieces

Brenna Osgood, Sculpture vase from recycled soda cans

Emily Colban, Sculpture flowers from recycled soda cans

Allison Grover, Jewelry earrings from recycled candy wrappers

Erin Daley, Sculpture

Autumn Lanseigne, Jewelry bracelet from recycled candy wrappers.

Congratulations to all for their fine work.

Congratulations to Hanna Chomas and Chloe Pelletier on winning the **Foster's Daily Democrat Showcase**. It was so exciting to read Hanna's and Chloe's winning essays in the Foster's Daily Democrat Showcase magazine on December 22nd. They received certificates and medals at a reception held at the end of the month. In order to take a look at the winning essays, please click on the link below:

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2 0111222/GJENTERTAINMENT 0101/712229939/0 /FOSENTERTAINMENT

Artist in Residence - We were pleased to have The Children's Stage Adventure back again this year to work on another fabulous performance! This year the students performed "The Fisherman and His Wife." The EMS cast rehearsed the show for just a few short days, and was confident the audience would be impressed by what has been accomplished. They were hard at work, and it was a fun and rewarding experience! Cast: Tim Ward, Kaden West, Caitryn Bushor, Michael Rainford, Brenna Osgood, Eliza Kucera, Sophie Jordan, Katie Pelletier, Zach Bickford, Emily Donovan, Maddie Bentz, Caitlyn Walsh, Kendra Boswell, Theresa Knox, Chloe Pelletier, Allison Grover,

Paige Perdue, Autumn Lanseigne, Devyn Simard, Kozler. Kameron Martin. Stephanie DiFrancesco, Emma Coolidge, Deanna McCullen, Portes. Jessica Gosselin. Sabrina Sabrina Patterson, Sophia Randall, Taylor Limoli, Danielle McKay, Erin Daley, Maylee Gagnon, Victoria Maestas, Ashley MacLeod, Alissa Croteau, Justin Bacon, Nick Padgett, Sabrina Rivers, Jordan Higginbottom, Madeline Marchisio. Madeline Fowler, Emily Colban, Abigail Ball, Nicole Dollard, Thomas Bullock, Aissa Zerguine, Mark Marasca, Jacob Kaplan, Emily Milewski, Ronnie Hacket, Aladia Ruiz, Travis Garand, Ryan Braley, Aletha DeMarais, Marissa Adams, Haley Croteau, T.J. Crocker. The show was a huge success and a special thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to make this happen.

Read Across America - Epping Middle School will be joining the Read Across America Celebration during the week of March 5th – 9th.

Monday will feature a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Each grade will read a Dr. Seuss book relating to a charity for which they will collect pennies. The sixth grade will read the "Lorax" and collect for the preservation of the rain forests; the seventh grade will read "Sneetches" and collect for the Epping Food Pantry; the eighth grade will present Dr. Seuss tongue twisters and collect Pennies for Patients. Each morning will feature a Dr. Seuss trivia question. Students will be given "I Love to Read" jelly bracelets to wear throughout the week.

On Wednesday we will welcome guest readers from the school community.

Principal Kyle Repucci will read to the sixth grade. Lyn Healy, Professional Development Coordinator, will read to the seventh grade.

Business Manager Martha Williamson will read to the eighth grade.

A school-wide assembly will be held on Friday featuring book talks including "Shadows on the Sea," books associated with animals, and a Mike Lupica sports book. Tentative guests include a former local pro basketball player, a speaker from the NHSPCA, and an author of one of the books.

2nd Annual Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Drag N Fly 5K

Hosted by The Deerfield Cooperative Preschool Saturday, May 19, 2012

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Hampshire, the Deerfield Cooperative Preschool, and the Dragon Playground fund at the Deerfield Community School.

10:00 am start at Town Hall on Church Street in Deerfield, NH.

\$10 ages 6-14 cotton t-shirt (shirts only guaranteed if registered before April 15th)

Children 5 and under are FREE

\$20 for pre-registration: February 15th - April 15th

\$25 Registration April 16th -May 16th

\$30 Race-Day Registration: 8:30-9:30 am at the Deerfield Town Hall.

Choice of commemorative "tech" wicking t-shirt or cotton t-shirt for those over 14 registered by April 15th.

Raffle prizes.

Kid's Fun Run to follow event.

Prizes for the top finishers in the Men's, Women's, and Under 14 divisions

Free post-race massages provided by Chichester Massage

Register online or by mail:

http://www.dcpreschool.com/5k/ for registration forms and further info about the race and sponsors. Questions? Please e-mail dragnfly5k@yahoo.com.

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Newsletter Schedule

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

The next issue (May-June) of this newsletter will be available May 1, 2012. We will accept submissions through April 26, 2012, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content early because of the holidays, including contact information, for consideration through our website at: www.SpeakUpEpping.org or to bhelmstetter@comcast.net

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My name is Donna Maguire. I hold a Master's Degree of Education from New England College, and am a NH certified math teacher. I have over 12 years of classroom teaching experience, as well as tutoring experience. I live in Epping and service our town as well as surrounding towns to students of all ages.

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Epping Calendar of Events for March 2012

| Date | Event |
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| Feb.27 to Mar 2 | NO SCHOOL WINTER VACATION |
| March 1 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 1 | Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall |
| March 2 | Epping Winter Farmers Market at Epping Community Church - 4 - 7 pm |
| March 3 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 5 | Students Back to School |
| March 5 | EES PTO Meeting -7 pm in the EES Art Room |
| March 5 - 9 | EMS "Read Across America" Celebration |
| March 8 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 8 | Epping Seniors at Watson Academy Bob Goodrich "History of Epping Bricks" |
| March 9 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| March 9 | Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 "Celebration of Dr. Seuss" |
| March 9 - 11 | Boy Scout Campout at the Straw property |
| March 10 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 10 | Child Find 8:00 am (Snow day – March 17) |
| March 13 | "Teddy Roosevelt's Nobel Prize" 7 pm at the Library |
| March 13 | Friends of the Library - 7 pm |
| March 13 | VOTE!! TOWN ELECTIONS 8 am to 7 pm in EMS Gym |
| March 13 | NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day |
| March 14 | Eclectic Book Group at the Library -7 pm |
| March 14 | Kindergarten registration |
| March 14 | Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy |
| March 14 | Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm |
| March 14-28 | Families Frist Parenting Classes "Who's in Charge in Your House" 6:30 – 8:00 pm |
| March 15 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 15 | Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall |
| March 16 | Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in the Town Hall |
| March 16 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| March 17 | Cub Scout Pinewood Derby - 9 am at EMS Gym |
| March 17 | EMS Sports Recognition Night |
| March 17 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 17 | Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 - 7 pm "Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner" |
| March 19 | EMS Activity Night |
| March 19 | Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm |
| March 21 | Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm in EMS Cafe |
| March 21 | Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library |
| March 22 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 23-Apr.2 | "You Can't Take It With You" at the Leddy Center |
| March 24 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |
| March 27 | New England Brass All-school Assembly at EES - 9 am |
| March 27 | Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm |
| March 28 | Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm |
| March 28 | EMS Band and Chorus Concert |
| March 28 | Epping Garden Club meeting - 7 pm at the Library |
| March 29 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |

| March 31 | EES PTO Pancake Breakfast and Easter Bunny pictures |
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| March 31 | Epping Recreation Easter Egg Hunt EES Field - 10:30 – 11:30 am |
| March 31 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring - 9 - 11 am |

Epping Calendar of Events for April 2012

| Date | Event |
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| <i>Mar.23</i> - April 2 | "You Can't Take It With You" at the Leddy Center |
| April 2 | EES PTO Meeting - 7 pm in the EES Art Room |
| April 5 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 5 | Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall |
| April 6 | Epping Winter Farmers Market at Epping Community Church - 4-7 pm |
| April 7 | Breakfast of Blessing at Epping Community Church – 8 - 11 am FREE |
| April 7 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 10 | Friends of the Library - 7 pm |
| April 11 | Eclectic Book Group at the Library - 7 pm |
| April 11 | Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm |
| April 11 | Friends of Epping Recreation - 6:30 pm Watson Academy |
| April 11 | NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day |
| April 12 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 12 | Epping Seniors meet at Watson Academy – Walmart Pharmacist Jennifer Ford |
| April 13 | Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting - 7:15 pm in Town Hall |
| April 13 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| April 13 | Pajama Night at the Library - 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 "Story Explorers Story Play" |
| April 14 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 16 | Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:15 pm |
| April 18 | Cub Scout Pack Meeting - 6:30 pm in EMS Cafe |
| April 18 | Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group - 7 pm at the Library |
| April 19 | Epping School Board meeting - 7 pm in Epping Town Hall |
| April 19 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 20 | Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry - 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| April 21 | Seniors Annual Yard Sale at Watson Academy 8 am – 2 pm |
| April 21 | Epping Community Church Dinner - 5 - 7 pm "Roast Turkey Dinner" |
| April 21 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 23 - 27 | NO SCHOOL SPRING VACATION |
| April 23 - 27 | Vacation Movie Week at the Library - 1 pm |
| April 24 | Epping Lions Club meeting - 6:30 pm |
| April 25 | Knit Night at the Library - 7 pm |
| April 26 | "Evening with Rebecca Rule" - 7 pm at Epping Historical Society |
| April 26 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |
| April 26 | DEADLINE DATE for the May-June issue of the Newsletter |
| April 28 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry - 9 - 11 am |

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at speakupepping@gmail.com by **April 26, 2012**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.