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About this Newsletter

This Newsletter is produced by the Speak Up, Epping! Communications Group. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information for 11 upcoming events and pertinent information from community organizations. Please note that no opinion, editorial, political or religious views will be accepted and the Communications Group reserves the right to edit submissions. If you would like to submit material for and/or receive this newsletter electronically, please send your email address and the material to: speakupepping@gmail.com.

Town Officials Update

Welcome to the town administrator, **Dean Shankle**. He comes to Epping with a lot of experience having formerly served as the town manager of Merrimack for ten years.

Correction: Last issue, we incorrectly named the new code enforcement officer/building inspector – sorry about that. Please welcome **Dan Kramer** to the Town of Epping.

Recycling Pays and Saves

Recycling is paying off for Epping residents. Solid Waste Manager Jim Freeman said that **recycling revenues were up 41% over last year** – \$48,000 venues were \$48,000 higher than expected last year and he expects that number to grow this year. He said that not only is the town paid for recycling that it sends out, but the more people recycle, the less trash the town has to ship out, so it saves money on both ends. He said that recycling is not only good for the environment, but it can help **lighten the tax burden**. The increased revenues and decreased expenditures this last year allowed him to come in 4 percent under budget and allowed him to lower his request in this year's budget by 3 percent.



Leddy Center Needs Your Help

As many of you may know, on January 21, 2008, the Board of Directors of Leddy Center for the Performing Arts was notified by Paul and Elisabeth Gustavson, owners of the buildings, that the two buildings that have been home to Leddy Center for more than twenty years were being marketed for sale. Leddy Center was given the option by the Gustavson's to either purchase one or both of the buildings for the full market value or begin a rent-to-own agreement for the theater building's main floor only, if Leddy Center wanted to continue using the theater itself. The Gustavson's have requested a decision be made regarding Leddy Center's intentions by March 1, 2008, at which point the properties would be put up for sale.

Given the short deadline and an asking price in excess of \$900,000 for the two buildings, Leddy Center has already vacated its studios and offices, relocating these spaces into the existing theater building. We cannot say thanks enough to the wonderful volunteers who have been helping us to relocate our operations so quickly. Leddy Center's extraordinary benefactors and friends have always answered the call for support and, as you can imagine, this time is no different!

Leddy Center is asking for your help as we work to provide the physical facilities necessary to continue local theater in Epping. We are asking for your generosity in helping us to raise the \$2,000 per month increase in our rental cost. Your tax-deductible contribution would be greatly appreciated in helping Leddy Center meet this goal. Even pledging \$10 per month for one year would be helpful.

For over three decades, Leddy Center for the Performing Arts has presented top quality theater productions and concerts while offering classes and

private lessons in the performing arts and is determined to continue these traditions. The generosity and kindness you have all shown over the years has been wonderfully overwhelming and, with your help, Leddy Center for the Performing Arts will embark on a bright future to come.

You can help preserve the Leddy Center for filling out the pledge form, which can be found here: <http://www.leddycenter.org/PledgeLetter.htm>.

Upcoming Attractions at the Leddy Center: Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility is coming to the Leddy Center from April 18 to April 27.

Shows are held Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 P.M., Sundays at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$14 or \$16, depending on seating, all reserved, group rates available. Call 679-2871 to order tickets or order online at: www.leddycenter.org. Future attractions will include Mary Gatchell Live in Concert, South Pacific and Peter Pan.



Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club is also ready for warmer weather and dry highways to resume their travels to interesting places. A couple trips on the immediate calendar are: the **911 Headquarters in Concord and the Manchester Union Leader Corporation** among others. Of course, seniors want to keep their minds active so trips are planned to the **Museum of Fine Arts** in Boston and the newly renovated **Currier Art Gallery** in Manchester. The first week of the grand opening of the Gallery is free to everyone.

The Club will also be attending **Loretta LaRoche** show at the Rochester Opera House in May. New programs and trips are always in the works.

A new interest to the Club is being a "**Pease Greeter**". The seniors have joined the many volunteers and found it to be so rewarding. The "Pease Greeters" are citizens who gather at the Pease Airport when service men and women arrive for a short stay before going off to Iraq or going home. It's an opportunity to meet them, thank them, talk to them and let them know we appreciate what they are doing. A lot of hugs are thrown in for good measure. The service men and women do not know they are being greeted by so many and the

surprise and love in their eyes is so special. There are a lot of tender moments during these few minutes, talking about their families and experiences or just listening to their stories. Observing the many veterans present who pay special tribute to the new warriors' and their dedication to our country is a very moving experience. Once you go, you're hooked. Everyone should try it!

For more information about the Pease Greeters and to get on their mailing list, you can contact www.peasegreeters.org.

The Club is asking friends and neighbors to use these weary unending winter days to clean out closets and attics. The Club is getting ready for their only big fundraiser – the **Annual Yard Sale set for April 12 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** Donations to this cause will be greatly appreciated!

Items can be dropped off at the Watson Academy Recreation Center on Academy Street (phone 679-3301), or if not too far, someone will be happy to pick them up. Make room for new stuff by getting rid of the old stuff. It's the American way and the Club thanks you.

And, the Club is always hoping for new members. So, if anyone over the age of 55 is interested in what we do, stop in on any meeting day which is always the second Thursday of each month at the Watson Academy and check us out.



Scouting Around Town

Our Cub Scout pack continues to be very active. Each den has a meeting either weekly or bi-weekly at a leader's home or a location the leaders picks such as the school. Our pack meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school year at the Epping Community Church. We welcome visitors and parents that just want to see our program before enrolling their son.

At our **Blue and Gold Banquet** in February the following Webelo's Cub Scouts received their Arrow of Light award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and the only one that can be transferred to their Boy Scout uniform when they cross over. The recipients were, Steven Chadwick,

Jacob Cray, Spencer Holt, Ethan Illsley, Alex Ray, and Billy White. These Webelo's and Fellow Webelo Jeremy Barbosa will join Boy Scout Troop on April 16.

For the **Pinewood Derby**, each boy and his parents make a racecar from a block of wood, 4 nails and plastic wheels and race against their peers. The derby was held on March 22 at the Elementary School. The winners were Tigers den 3, Connor Jennings 1st, Nicholas Clough 2nd, Zachary Oumansour 3rd. Wolf den 6, Parker Holt 1st, Grant Haley 2nd, Christopher Tuttle 3rd. Bears den 2, Alex Cray 1st, Jacob Kaplan 2nd, David Morasco 3rd. Webelo's 2 den 7, Justin Bacon 1st, T. J. Crocker 2nd, Zachary Bickford 3rd. Webelo's 1 den 1, Spencer Holt 1st, Ethan Illsley 2nd, Steven Chadwick 3rd. The Grand Finale was won by Spencer Holt. Last years pack champion James Woodmansee presented the champions trophy to Spencer. He will keep the trophy until next year's derby. This trophy has been passed on since 1978 with some of the recipients bringing their children to the annual Pinewood Derby.

The Boy Scouts also meet at the Epping Community Church each Monday at 6:30 P.M. Scouting is outing. The Scouts and their leaders spent February 8 and 9 at the **Storers Scout Reservation in Barnstead**. They dug quincies, an Igloo type shelter made by piling snow and then digging them out where they spent the night. Their guests were the Webelo's from pack 136. The Webelo's spent the night in a cabin as Boy Scout rules do not allow them to sleep outside in the winter. The Scouts also took part in the **Historic District Klondike Derby**. The Raven Patrol took second place out of 31 patrols competing. The members were Sawyer Begin, Donnie Oakes, Haydn and Dylan Reese, Eric Ouellette and Richard Smith.

Our Venture Crew also spent a weekend at the **Storers Scout Reservation**. Our members dug their tents into the snow and spent the weekend outside. Our leaders are Mike Young and Nan Nutt. This group is planning a **hike in the lakes region** and have been discussing a **rock-climbing trip** and learning about self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (**scuba**) Our leaders are very knowledgeable about both. We invite all youth 14 to 20 years old to attend our meeting on April 17 at the Epping Community Church. Our meetings are from 7-8:30 P.M. We are open to young men and

women from Epping, Brentwood, Newfields, and Raymond that enjoy the challenges of outdoor adventure.

For information on any of these groups call Cliff Cray 679-5125 or e-mail hcl4@unh.edu.

Note: The **Epping Pack 136 Cub Scouts** have their own **website**. It can be found at: <http://www.orgsites.com/nh/eppingpack136/>

Come visit for up-to-date calendar events, pack images, activities, tips and so much more!

Epping Fire Department

The Epping Firefighters Association would like to **thank all those that attended the Firemen's Ball as well as those who supported our warrant articles** at the town elections. The electric cot and the Auto Pulse have been ordered and will be in service soon. The Auto-Pulse is designed as an aid to CPR and has been proven to save lives. We are in the process of getting bids on a crew cab pickup.

Congratulations to Rich Cantrell being re-elected to the Board of Fire Wards.

Explorer Post 716 has been busy with their training and community service. They have purchased two **Automatic External Defibrillators** for the High School athletic department, one for the Elementary School, one for Watson Academy and the Recreation department, and are about to order one for the Ellis School in Fremont.

On April 12 the Major General John Sullivan Masonic Lodge #2 will hold a **spaghetti supper to benefit the Explorers and their fund raising efforts**. Supper will be served from 4-6 p.m. and donations are \$8.00 per person. The special price on the AEDs expires in June. If you would like to donate, send checks to the Explorer Post 716 c/o the Epping Fire Department 37 Pleasant Street. 7 Explorers are enrolled in a first responder course with the Exeter Explorer Post and when they graduate they will be able to assist the ambulance crews. We welcome all youth 14 to 20 years of age. For information call the Fire Department and leave a message for Captain Cray or Deputy Desotto.



Honoring Cliff Cray

Epping resident Cliff Cray was recently honored for all of his contributions to the Town of Epping.

Cliff began his involvement in Epping with the Epping Community Church. Over the years, he has served as a Deacon, Youth Group Leader, Head Usher and Sunday School Teacher. He also helped to maintain Epping's Town clock, which resides in the steeple of the Community Church.

Boy Scouts had a big influence on Cliff as a child, so in 1975 when the opportunity presented itself he joined with his eldest son. This began his lengthy involvement in scouting which continues today. Over the years he has served as Cub Master to Pack 136, Scout Master to Troop 136 and District Commissioner. In 1996, he was honored with the prestigious Silver Beaver award for his continued dedication to scouting. Cliff enjoys all aspects of scouting and still participates in the Cub Pack and Scout Troop activities. 1976 marked the Bicentennial of our country.

Cliff's career with the Fire Department began when he became a member of the Fire Wards in the late 70's, which he served on for many years. From there he joined the Volunteer Fire Department and became a part of the first Ambulance Squad in town. He helped restore the antique REO Speed wagon and also restored the 1860 Rumsey Hand tub in his own garage. He became an officer in the department and served most recently as Captain. He was also a certified Emergency Medical Technician and was a first aid and CPR instructor. Cliff helped with the planning of the new Safety Complex. He was an integral part in forming the Fire Explores and instructs new Fire Fighters how to operate the fire apparatus.

Cliff worked on the Epping 250th birthday committee to plan the celebration. This included the parade, the dedication of the Band Stand at the Legion, the Town Fair and many other activities during the year. Now he is part of the Speak Up Epping, Communications Group keeping residents informed and helping to create a greater sense of community through different activities.

Cliff is also a member of the American Legion Post 51 and the Major General John Sullivan Lodge

No.2. Cliff and Sandy have been married for over 41 years and enjoy seeing their 5 grandchildren weekly. Cliff has always been devoted to the community and feels compelled to giveback 110%.

Cliff's continued dedication has had a tremendously positive impact on the Town of Epping, and for that, we thank you!



Cliff had a few comments he wanted to make about all the recognition he has received:

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Diane Gilbert, Tom Gauthier, Jerry Langdon, Susan McGeough, and Jeff Harris for dedicating the 2007 Town Report to me. Also, I would like to thank my daughter Stacey Bellen for putting together my history and Kim Gauthier for submitting the picture. This is a great honor and I cannot put into words the feeling I have for this town and those that chose me for this honor. - Cliff Cray



Epping Garden Club

The Garden Club will hold a meeting this spring to discuss upcoming events. **A plant sale is tentatively set for Memorial Day.** Anyone interested in joining the Garden Club, contact Jane at Whitebarn245@aol.com.

American Legion Breakfasts

Starting Sunday, March 9, breakfast will take place once a month from 8:00-11:00 A.M. at the Epping R.A. Mitchell American Legion Post 51. The cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children.

Other breakfasts will take place on April 6, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 7.

Epping Community Church

You are invited to come and join us at the Epping Community Church for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Should you have needs that our **Food Pantry** or **Coats of Caring Closet** can meet, you may visit either or both on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (or by special appointment).

A great time of fellowship is had at our third Saturday dinners. Saturday, April 19 is our **"Chowdah Fest"**. There will be fish chowder, corn

chowder and seafood chowder to choose from. Saturday, May 17 we will have another great Ham and Bean dinner. All third Saturday dinners are from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and are \$7.00. All funds raised through the dinners go to the building fund.



DAR Park Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 A.M. is Clean-Up Day at the DAR Park downtown. Bring rakes, brooms and buckets. We want the park to look grand for Memorial Day! For more information on the Downtown Revitalization Committee contact louandpaul@juno.com or Jane at 679-2573. The rain date for Clean-Up Day is May 24.

Memorial Bench for Kaleigh and Shane Lambert

The Maple Tree Learning Center in Epping is raising funds for a **memorial bench outside Harvey Mitchell Library in honor of Kaleigh and Shane Lambert**, the Brentwood children tragically killed on January 11. Their teachers and friends at the Learning Center are trying to come to terms with their tragic deaths and ensure they are not forgotten. Kaleigh and Shane loved books and reading and went to the library each week with their classes. Planning the granite memorial bench is a healing process for all involved and it is hoped that it will help people remember them and keep their memory alive. The bench will have a photo of the children engraved on it as well as a poem selected by their parents. It is hoped the bench will be ready in time for an official dedication in June, when Kaleigh's kindergarten class will graduate.

Donations may be sent to Kaleigh and Shane Lambert Memorial Fund, c/o Ocean Bank, 55 Main Street, Raymond, NH 03077.

Free Oral Cancer Screening

Lamprey Dental Associates in Raymond, in conjunction with **Oral Cancer Awareness Week**, is offering **free oral cancer screenings** in April. If you receive regular dental care, an oral cancer screening is *always* part of your annual check up. If you have not been receiving regular dental care and are interested in having a free oral cancer screening, please call to schedule an appointment for yourself. Lamprey Dental Associates, 37 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077 phone: 895-3161.



Heard on the Street

Rumor is there will be a bus running from Epping to Hampton Beach soon. Stay tuned for more details!



Spotlight on Business

Pennies for Peace Campaign

The **Epping High School French Club** is launching a **Pennies for Peace Campaign** to raise money for the Central Asia Institute. This Institute is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to build secular schools to educate boys and girls as the true path to peace. The Institute has built 54 schools in Pakistan and 9 in Afghanistan and has funded teacher training, library projects, maternal healthcare scholarships, and drinking water projects.

The penny, 1% of a dollar, is essentially worthless in the U.S. In Pakistan and Afghanistan, however, a penny buys a pencil and empowers a child to read and write...Through the Pennies for Peace program, our goal is to encourage children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to share just 1%-a penny per dollar-for global peace.

The campaign will be launched at the **Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater** on Wednesday, March 19 from 6-8 P.M. (Tickets available by advance sale only).

After that, it is hoped that local businesses and organizations will allow the French Club to place collection boxes or cans in prominent places around the community. **Donations can also be made** directly via any French Club member or to Epping High School. A final tally will be made in mid-May and a check mailed at that time to the Central Asia Institute.

For more information on the Pennies for Peace program, visit www.penniesforpeace.org. For more information on the Central Asia Institute, visit www.ikat.org.

EHS Girls Win JV Basketball Title

The Epping High School Junior Varsity Girls **won a four-team round-robin tournament** held at Epping High School February 16-18, competing against Sanborn, Raymond and Somersworth. The Inaugural Junior Varsity Basketball Classic, sponsored by Hurlbert Toyota of Epping, benefited the 2008 Epping Junior Prom. Members of the Epping team include: Sam Arsenault, Danielle Bennett, Caltrin Dawson, Markey Flewelling, Christa Johnson, Taylor Jones, Hannah Kimball, Sara Sturzo and Christa Weaver. Their coach is Gabe Mosca. Congratulations!

Way to Go Epping Students

Congratulations to the following Epping students:

Carey Boulanger was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree, summa cum laude, at Kaplan University.

Julienne Pelletier has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester at Bentley College. She is a senior majoring in management.

Zachary Fuller was one of the outstanding New Hampshire students nominated by Senator John Sununu for 2008 acceptance to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The following students are on the Epping High School Honor Roll for the second quarter of the 2007/2008 school year:

Grade 9: Principal's list: Shannon Nollet.

Honors: Taylor Booth, Cacia King, Samantha Leclerc, Kimberly Lemieux, Samantha Ramey, Brittany Smith, Ashley Stelmach, Partrick Sturzo, Rebekah Weaver.

Honorable Mention: Daniel Begin, Taylor Dahme, Lauren Desotto, Andrew Goodro, Zackeree Kendall, Benjamin Mylott, Michael Seaman.

Grade 10: Principal's List: Samantha Arsenault, Angelica Dionne, Alyson Mantini, Victoria Matthews, David Morejon, Bre-Ann Perkins, Kristen Pitkanen, Kayla Vasseur.

Honors: Ruthanne Altaffer, Christopher Dunleavy, Victoria Goulet, Samantha Hamel, Connor Patton, Catherine Stelmach.

Honorable Mention: Marissa Bean, Rachel Cusano, Hannah Kimball, Brendan Lonek, Samantha Stache.

Grade 11: Honors: Caitlyn Begin, Krista Meek.

Honorable Mention: Alyssa Beville, Marcus Boswell, Shaylin Cameron, Nicholas Carano, Amanda Foster, Scott Prentice, Jimmy Riordon.

Grade 12: Principal's list: Megan Buchanan, Kaitlyn Chapman, Kristine DeSotto, Stephanie Hamel, Jaimie Lemieux.

Honors: Nathan Alix, Kendall Booth, Jessica Hawkes, Karissa Patton, Mark Prescott, Melissa Rivers, Stanley Vladyka, Brian Zukas

Honorable Mention: Jessica Anderson, Brittany Buttrick, Alyssa Dahme, James German, Kathleen Kelly, Emily Mong, Courtney Patton, Jessica Picone, Kristina Woodmansee.

Epping Middle School

The Epping Middle School PTO is sponsoring a **Family Fun Night called Full Moon Madness**. The event will take place on Friday night, April 18 from 6:30–9:00 pm. Bring your middle school student and family to Full Moon Madness and shoot the moon.

There will be a **Middle School Activity Night** on Friday, May 9 from 6:30–9:00 pm. The cafeteria will be open for the music and food and there will also be open gym time. All middle school students are encouraged to attend.

A special thank you will go out to our teachers and all the volunteers who help out in the Middle School. We will be celebrating both **Teacher Appreciation and Volunteer Appreciation Week** during the week of May 5. Thank you to one and all!

Our **music concert** will be held May 13 in the Middle School Gym at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a fabulous evening of music.

On May 28 our 8th Grade students will be going to **Washington, D.C.** They will be leaving very early on Wednesday and will be returning very late on Saturday, the 31st. While in Washington they will

be visiting various museums, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Zoo and many other sites.



Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) provided Epping Middle School with sexual violence prevention programs. These child sexual abuse lessons are school based education programs designed to teach personal body safety. The interactive workshops utilize discussion, exercises and games to focus on age-appropriate content.

The Hall and Thaxter Teams learned about **“Bullying and Sexual Harassment”**. Using various scenarios, students learned to clarify definitions and behaviors of playing, flirting, bullying and sexual harassment. Students were also made aware of how they can make a difference. In a follow-up visit from SASS, students will examine positive and negative uses of power and how this influences interactions with others. The emphasis of the lesson is placed on standing up for oneself and others, the role of bystander and seeking help.

The Frost Team was introduced to **“Images in the Media”** where they explored the science behind how media messages affect them. They also developed an awareness of how the media uses gender stereotypes, sexual, and violent images to sell products. The follow-up discussion will help students deconstruct media messages by looking at contemporary advertising. The link between sexual violence, media messages of violence and objectification will be explored as well.

The Whittier Team participated in the sexual assault awareness series by exploring healthy relationships. Discovering the importance of clear communication in building and maintaining healthy relationships was the focus. In follow-up segments students will address the issue of victim blaming and focus on dispelling the myths surrounding sexual violence. The final component will look at state laws on sexual assault. Students will explore their rights in relationships during the spring visits with SASS.

As their website states, “Sexual Assault Support Services is dedicated to supporting victims/survivors in their effort to heal from the trauma of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, and stalking, while striving to prevent the

occurrence of sexual violence in local communities and society at large.”

Sexual Assault Support Services is located at 7 Junkins Avenue in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They may be reached at 436-4107. They are open from 9-5 Monday through Friday. An Outreach Office is located at 18 North Main Street in Rochester, (603) 332-0775. They also have a 24-hour toll-free crisis hotline: 1-888-747-7070.

Epping Middle School will be well represented at the New England League of Middle School’s conference. Epping Middle School teachers Christine Hebert, Carol Colgan, Cush Gillen, and administrators Kyle Repucci and Lyn Healy will attend the 27th Annual New England League of Middle School’s Conference in Providence, RI, from March 30 through April 1. Participants will attend the general sessions which features keynote addresses from published authors and educators. In addition they will choose from over 180 workshops. The conference strands include the following: Varied Instructional and Learning Strategies, Challenging and Relevant Curriculum; Assessment and Evaluation That Promotes Quality Learning, Organizational Practices that Enhance Relationships and Learning; Effective Leadership in the Middle Level, Technology in Classrooms to Improve Learning, School/Parent/Community Partnerships, and Middle Level Beliefs, Research, and Advocacy.

The conference brings teachers from all over New England together to discuss today’s issues in middle level education. The individual workshops within the strands offer materials and examples which teachers may bring back to share with their colleagues and use in the classroom. Participants will be involved in up to four workshops a day. Vendors representing publishing companies, educational material distributors, tour companies, and others will be exhibiting their products. Teachers will be able to bring home samples and talk directly with representatives.

Epping Middle School’s principal Lyn Ward Healy is a featured speaker this year, leading a session entitled Teaming: Moving from “Kid-Talk” to “Student Achievement.”

Learning in Motion - Epping Middle Schools Unified Arts team recently hosted “Learning in

Motion". Parents and community members were invited to see students teaching the unified arts classes in which they have been participating during the year. The confidence and enthusiasm that the students demonstrated was impressive by itself. Paired with the quality work exhibited, made for a wonderfully unique event. Music, computer, research, art, and physical education were some of the areas explored.

The following students became teachers for the evening: Tess Kucera, Catrina Locke, Alicia Behnia, and Caitlin Robbins in Art. Gillian Price and Natasha McCartney in Edventure. Tiffani Bolduc, Sarah Nadeau, McKayla Hankin, Matt Tropp, Lauren Haley, Lisa Demaine, Kaelin Crenshaw, Kristie Shaw, Alisha Behnia, Jillian Venuti, Christina O'Donnell, Darya Behnia, Sara Sturzom Chris Comeau, Maggie Weaver, Camryn Battiparano, Alexis Switzer, and Erik Dollard in Media Skills. Jusile Cusano, Brittney Bullock, Logan Miner and Dustyn Wilkins in Music. Oliviah Kimball, Megan Illsley, Josh Boswell, Jayci Noyes, Sydney Chevalier, Adam Parent, Sarah Nadeau, Paul Holmes, Sean Day, Billy Hardy, Colin Spillane, Jimmy Stanley, Frank Stanley, and Dylan Czubaruk in Wellness. Samantha Church, Jordan Cross, Cassidy Garrow, Tyler Hibbard, Jared Koltos, Kylie Patton, and Katie Pettis in Integrated Studies and Computer. They made Epping Middle School proud.

In addition, on March 26 the Frost Team at Epping Middle School will be **celebrating Robert Frost's birthday**. A few students will recite Frost poetry and David Watters from the Frost Farm in Derry will speak to the students about Frost and the farm. Each student will receive a wood chip from the last maple tree on the property, which was cut down in the fall. Refreshments will include banana pudding, Robert Frost's traditional birthday treat.

Epping Middle School PTO Meetings:

April 17 - Epping Middle School PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Unified Arts Room

May 15 - Epping Middle School PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Unified Arts Room

June 19 - Epping Middle School PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Unified Arts Room

Friends Helping Friends - Epping Middle School and Epping High School comprise a small school community with just under 600 students. They are, however, faced with many students affected by serious medical conditions such as spina bifida, OI (brittle bone disease), autoimmune deficiency and cancer. Not only are these families facing emotional and physical challenges, but extensive medical and transportation costs.

Friends Helping Friends is **planning a fundraiser to provide some additional funds for these families**. They will host a silent auction in May. In order to have this event a success, donations are essential. They are looking for a donation of an item(s), gift certificate(s) that will be used for the fund-raiser, or a check donation for the benefit of the families. All proceeds will benefit the families directly. This event will be registered for the nationally known **Make-A-Difference Day**.

Please contact Pat Weisberg, 679-2544, x263 or pweisberg@sau14.org, for more information. You may send your donation to: FHF c/o P. Weisberg, Epping Middle School, 33 Prescott Road, Epping, NH 03802.

We hope you will find it in your heart to support this worthwhile charity; all donations will be greatly appreciated.



Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library

Monday Hours begin at the library on March 31. The schedule will be a complete day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday April 8 at 7 p.m. **Eclectic Book Group** discussing TBA. Call the library, 679-5944, to find out what we are reading or swing by a borrow a copy.

Friday April 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Pajama Night: Rainbows**. An evening storyhour for kids from 3 to 8 years of age.

Monday April 14 at 7 p.m. **Friends of the Library meeting**. Come see how you can lend a hand to your local library.

Wednesday April 16 at 7 p.m. **Mystery Book Group** discussing TBA. Call the library, 679-5944, to find out what we are reading or swing by a borrow a copy.

Thursday April 17 at 7 p.m. **Identity Theft Seminar** w/ Margo Brandano. You might be at more risk than you think. Learn to protect yourself from this crime and how to recover if the unthinkable should happen to you.

Monday April 21 at 7 p.m. **Library Board of Trustees meeting**. Open to the public.

Thursday April 24 at 7:45 p.m. **Dessert & a Movie** watching TBA. Call the library, 679-5944, to find out what we are watching and better yet, what we are eating. We show a recent DVD release on our 9 foot screen with surround sound audio to complete to movie watching experience.

Saturday April 26 11:00 a.m. **Toy Play Day**.-A townwide play date at your library.

Monday April 28 through May 2 all at 1 p.m. **Spring Break Kids Movies Series**. Recently released G and PG movies for your kids (and maybe you too) during Spring Break showing on our 9-foot screen with surround sound.

Epping Recreation Department News

Please note that **registration for Elementary Summer Program** will start March 24. We need legos and picnic tables for our summer program please call us at 679-3301 if you would like to donate those items.

Babysitting Course - Red Cross, Health and Safety Class for Ages 11-15 years at the Watson Academy, May 10, 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Cost is \$45.00 per participant. Please bring lunch and snacks.

Yoga classes on two different nights, either Mondays or Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. upstairs at the Town Hall. \$35.00 for a six-week program. Walk-ins are welcome for \$8.00 each.

Guitar and Bass Music Lessons with Joseph Murphy, local musician. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Singles: \$15/hour, \$20/1/2 hour. Duos: \$12.50/hour, \$15/1/2 hour. Groups of 3: \$10/hour, \$12.50 /1/2 hour.

Computer Basics – This class will feature the things you want to know: learn how a computer works, surf the Internet, install and run new

programs, how to keep your computer safe, and even learn to fix minor problems and save money! On Saturday's at 10:00 a.m. with instructor Jeremy Murphy. \$10.00 per 90-minute lesson. Contact: bestest_basserist@yahoo.com or call 608-8677.

Pitch, Hit and Run Competition

Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run, formerly known as Pepsi MLB PHR, is a free skills competition that provides boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. Winners can advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championship events at the 30 Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. **Takes place May 4 at 1:00 p.m. at Mary Blair Field.** Rain date is May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

April Vacation Camp - April 28 - May 2 - Sign up early space is limited! rips are planned to a variety of locations.

Pre-School T-Ball and Soccer Sign-ups will start on April 7 at the Recreation Office.

Summer Tennis - July 2 through August 20. First session is July 2-23; second sessions is July 30-August 2.

Tennis Tots for Ages 4-6 on Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00 a.m. \$24.00 for 4 weeks. **Ages 9 and Under Session Lessons Ages 7-9** on Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. Cost \$48.00 for 4 weeks. **Ages 10 and Up Junior Lessons: Ages 10-16** on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. Cost \$48.00 for 4 weeks.

Individual Lesson Plan: Adult and youth lessons may be arranged to suit individual/small group needs. If you don't see what you're looking for, call us at 373-8112. We will try our best to accommodate special requests for small groups, private and semi-private lessons and we do birthday parties! Prices vary; please inquire.

Registration for all tennis activities: Please make checks payable to Littlefield Tennis. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Package discounts are based on pre-registration only. Sorry, no refunds for personal cancellations.

Youth Golf Lessons - The program will be based on the Let's Play Golf model. This will include 12 basic skills that will be taught and reinforced during the practice sessions. These basic skills form the

foundation the children will use to fulfill their own unique and individual potential in golf in the years to come. Free use of clubs! Cost is \$85.00 for 9 weeks of one-hour sessions. 9:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings starting in June at the Twin Pines driving range on Route 125 in Epping.

Call the Recreation Office with questions about any of these programs at 679-3301 or email: rec@townofepping.com.

Recreation Members Wanted! The Epping Recreation Commission is looking for additional members. Interested adults are needed to help expand and improve Recreation programming for all Epping residents. If you have ideas for how to improve and/or expand programs for children, young adults, adults or seniors, Epping Recreation would love to hear from you. The time commitment is very modest – generally one meeting per month.

For more information, contact Recreation Director Seth Hickey at 679-3301 or via e-mail at eppingrecreation@gmail.com or Recreation Commission Chair John DiFrancesco at jdifran@comcast.net.

News from the Historical Society

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Sunday, April 13 – 7:00 P.M., at the Raymond Historical Society, Depot Road, Raymond: "**Local Slavery and the Story of Peter**". Program presented by Madelyn Williamson.

Tuesday, May 20 – 7:00 P.M., at the Epping Historical Society, Water Street, Epping: "**Two Fiddlers**" - a traditional New England musical toe-stomping program featuring the celebrated talents of Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman.

Monday, May 28 – 9:00 A.M.: The **Epping Historical Society Open House**.

Epping Bible Baptist Church

The Epping Bible Baptist Church is located at 243 Pleasant Street in Epping. You can reach the Pastor, Ron Townsend at 679-2430. Following is the weekly schedule:

Sundays:

7:30-9:30 A.M. - Free Full Family Breakfast (All are welcome!)

8:15 A.M. - First Morning Worship Service
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School (For All Ages)
10:45 A.M. - Second Morning Worship Service
6:00 P.M. - Evening Worship Service

Mondays:

6:30 P.M. - Faith Bible Institute (Adult College Bible Courses)

Wednesdays:

7:00 P.M. - Adult Bible Study (Parsonage)
7:00 P.M. - YAGs (Young Adults Bible Study)

Fridays:

7:00 P.M. - AWANA (Program for all children age 3 through grade 6) - Weekly program ends Friday, 4/25/08

Saturdays:

10:00 A.M. - Faith Bible Institute (Adult College Bible Courses)
7:00 P.M. - Teen Youth Group

Super Sunday Night Schedule: 6 P.M. @ EBBC

4/6/08 - Communion Service
4/13/08 - Family Devotions Night
4/20/08 - NANC Counseling Night
4/27/08 - Music Night

Adult Sunday School Topics: 9:30 am @ EBBC

Women's Class - Genesis
General Adults Class - Hebrews
New Believers/Members - God's purpose for my life - A look at Serving/Witnessing

Other Events:

The third Saturday of every month we have a Family Movie Night (with popcorn and other snacks provided) - Saturday, 4/19/08 & 5/17/08 at 7 P.M. - all are welcome!

For information about the Epping Bible Baptist Church, call 679-2430 or e-mail Adam at adam@truevine.net

Epping Town Election Results

In case you didn't get a chance to catch this on ETV, here are election winners from March 11, 2008. The total votes were 1,294 and we've included who won, was elected or what passed.

Budget Committee: Mark LeClerc, Jeffrey LeDuc, Rose L. Colby

Cemetery Trustee: Grace A. Frost

Check List Supervisor: Kim Gauthier

Fire Ward: Richard Cantrall

Library Trustee: Lynn B. Reinhard

Moderator: Robert Goodrich

Planning Board: Gregory Tillman
Selectman: Karen Sott
Treasurer: Nathan D. Robbins
Trust Fund Trustee: Mark W. Kucera
Water and Sewer Commissioner: Henry DeBoer
Zoning Board of Adjustment 3 yrs: David Mylott
Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 yrs: Ron Nowe, Paul Brown
Article 2: Amend article 2,3 of zoning ordinance: Yes
Article 3: Amend article 15 of zoning ordinance: Yes
Article 4: Amend articles 3, 2 of zoning ordinance: No
Article 5: Road bond: Yes
Article 6: 2008 Operating Budget: Yes
Article 7: Town Hall trust: Yes
Article 8: Landfill reserve fund: Yes
Article 9: Library P-T employee: Yes
Article 10: Town Clerk P-T employee: No
Article 11: Police contract: Yes
Article 12: Police cruisers: Yes
Article 13: Police vehicle: No
Article 14: Fire Dept. vehicle: Yes
Article 15: Ambulance equipment: Yes
Article 16: Ambulance equipment-auto pulse: Yes
Article 17: Transfer truck: No
Article 18: Funds for ETV: Yes
Article 19: Rec. revolving fund: Yes
Article 20: Rec Dept vehicle: No
Article 21: Rescind SB2: No
Article 22: \$2000 to Lamprey River Youth Soccer - Yes
Article 23: \$3000 for EYAA: Yes
Article 24: \$\$ To paint median lines: No
Article 25: 2001 Capital Reserve Fund closure: Yes
Article 26: 2004 Capital Reserve Fund closure: Yes
Article 27: Race track amendment: No
Article 28: \$\$ to Red Cross: Yes
Article 29: \$\$ to child, family services: Yes
Article 30: \$\$ Richie McFarland Children's Center: Yes
Article 31: \$\$to retired senior volunteer program: Yes
Article 32: \$\$ to Meals on Wheels, etc.: Yes
Article 33: \$\$ to Seacoast Hospice: Yes
Article 34: \$\$ to Sexual Assault support services: Yes
Article 35: Realignment of Railroad Avenue: Yes 480

School District Moderator: Bob Goodrich
School District Treasurer: Joseph Foley
Article 1: \$\$ for agreement beteen School Board and EEA: Yes
Article 2: \$\$ For agreement between School Board and EPA, NEA-NH, and NEA: Yes
Article 3: Operating budget: Yes
Article 4: Rescind SB2: No



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The money collected from these ads will pay for the cost to print, copy and **eventually mail the newsletter to every Epping home**. What better way to find out what is really happening in Epping!

The Communications Group

Want to sign up for the newsletter or lend a hand? Contact Barbara Helmstetter by phone 679-1929 or email Barbara.S.Helmstetter@Dartmouth.edu.

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 (June/July) of this newsletter will be sent out by **June 1, 2008**. We will accept **submissions through May 20** to be included in the next issue. Please send your content, including contact information, for consideration to: speakupepping@gmail.com.

Thanks for reading! - *The Communications Group*

Town of Epping - School District Election

School Board Member: Shawn Patton, Gregory C. Dodge
School District Clerk: Robin O'Day

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If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an email at speakupepping@gmail.com by **May 20**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.