

Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

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About this Newsletter

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"Scrappin' The Day Away"

with Creative Memories consultant Becky Ball and Relay for Life Team "Ladies Lovin' Life" **APRIL 30TH, 2011** 9 AM TO 5 PM at the Epping Elementary School Gym \$25 PER PERSON LUNCH INCLUDED PRE-REGISTER AND RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG CONTACT DEBBIE DEARY AT deary3isd@hotmail.com or call 603-793-2887 TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT or for more information PROCEEDS GO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM "Ladies Lovin' Life"

Tons of Trucks

The Second Annual TONS OF TRUCKS is happening **Sunday May 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the EPPING MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT at 21 Academy Street, Epping, NH.

(We will be offering an early admission quiet hour from 10 am to 11 am for individuals with sensitivity to noise and crowds}

The cost for 1 child is \$5, for 2 or more \$10. No cost for parents..

Enjoy Food and Live Music, Face Painting, a Bounce House, a Raffle and more!!!

Sponsored by the Friends of Epping Recreation Department. For more information, call 679-3301. Proceeds to benefit Epping Outdoor Recreation!

3rd Annual Boy Scout Yard Sale

It's that spring cleaning time of year and Boy Scout Troop 136 of Epping would like to help you out. On **Saturday, MAY 7TH**, the Boy Scouts will hold their Third Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. It will be held at the **Epping American Legion on Route 125 (across from Telly's Restaurant), from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm - rain or shine.**

This is your opportunity to REDUCE your gently used items, RECYCLE them while making some extra money and allow others to REUSE your once upon a time treasures. Because more is merrier and bigger is better, we invite you to join us and make a little extra money for yourself. For just \$10.00, you can set up a space of your own and sell your unwanted items. Perhaps you make crafts, sell Tupperware or jewelry and would like an opportunity to sell your products and to promote yourself. If so, by all means please join us. Everyone is welcome, so tell your family, friends and neighbors too.

If you don't have anything to sell, that's OK too. Come stop by and support the Scouts. Perhaps you will find a new treasure for yourself. You just never know what you'll come across.

For more details or to purchase a space, please contact: Heidi Cook at 679-5889. We look forward

to seeing you on May 7th and THANK YOU for supporting your local Boy Scouts.

Help Support Our Troops All Year

If you or a friend or relative has a son or daughter in the armed forces we would like to know. Please give the person's name to Joyce at the Town Clerk's office. If you do not want the name publicized, let us know.

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 jscatlady@aol.com

Pease Greeters Care Package Wish List

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Toiletry items	s - 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-1lb	Dried Fruit		
Nuts	Gum	Tootsie Pops, Rolls		
Trail mix	Beef Jerky	Granola Bars		
Pop-tarts	Hard Candy	Freeze Pops		
Microwave p	opcorn	Slim Jims		
Crystal Light, etc on the go drink mixes				
Fun stuff for the Troops				
Frisbees	Yo-Yos			
Dice	Playing cards			
Baseballs	Small Nerf Balls	S		
Rubik Cubes Small card games				
Items that cannot be sent				
Any food containing pork				
Adult books or magazines				

Another way to support our troops

<u>Donate your old cell phone</u>. 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.

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!

Crafters Wanted

The Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Clubs is seeking crafters for its Summer Craft Fair. The Fair will be held at Exeter Town Hall on **Saturday, July 16th at 10 am**. Come join us for the fun and amazing crafts! Please visit our website www.eagfwc.org to get all the details.



Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

We have a new web site! Check us out at <u>http://epping.nhlions.org/</u> A big thank you to one of our new members – Erica Thompson of Wild Indigo Creative, who designed and is maintaining the new site. Meeting times are posted, which are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We meet at the High School Media Center during the school year, but our summer meetings will be held at The Milk Room at Harvey Hill Farm. Come enjoy some ice cream, fellowship and serve your community. We'd love to see you!

Our biggest event of the year is the Lamprey River Canoe Race, which this year took place on April 30th. This year we added a High Schooler competition category and a cookout lunch after the event. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to run this event for the second year, and each year it gets better and better. T-shirts are available for \$10 if you missed it.

Eyeglass collection boxes are available at several locations around town, and these are collected by us and recycled to help others. If you have suggestions for future fundraising activities or community support, we'd love to hear from you. Please call or email any of our officers:

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lampreygirl@hotmail.com......679-5572

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People in the News

Norman Denoncour, Jr.

A Memorial to a Great Epping Scouter.

Boy Scout Troop 136, chartered to the Epping Community Church, is in need of a box trailer to store and transport their equipment. This fundraiser and the trailer will be a tribute to Norman Denoncour, Jr.

Norman and I were the best of friends. Whenever I see his mother we talk about her son and how much we meant to each other. Norman was born with a heart defect and at the time they did not expect him to live long enough to reach his teens. From birth he was a patient at Children's Hospital in Boston. Norman was protected by his family and did not participate in many youth activities including baseball, football or Boy Scouts. When Norman turned 18 he joined Epping Boy Scout Troop 136 as an adult Scouter and Assistant Scoutmaster.

I met Norman when I joined the Troop in 1979. He liked all the things the Scouts did, especially the camping. A lot of the overnight trips were done in the Scout Park that is located behind the new Fire Station and behind his parent's home on Pleasant Street. The close proximity made it easy for him to attend. With help from me and other members of the Troop, Norman was able to spend time with the Troop at summer camp. He was also able to become an adult member of Scouting's Honor Society, The Order of the Arrow.

Norman married his wife Cindy and together they raised three boys. All three of the boys were Cub Scouts and they all crossed into Boy Scouts. Each of them earned the Boy Scout's highest rank of Eagle Scout. Norman's last Scout event was the Daniel Webster Council dinner in October 1995, when I received my Silver Beaver award. Shortly after that, Norman was admitted to Children's Hospital and passed away on November 10, 1995.

The trailer we would like to purchase would be approximately 12 feet long by 6 or 7 feet wide. On

the sides it will say:

Boy Scout Troop 136,

Sponsored by the Epping Community Church

Memorial to Norman Denoncour, Jr.

On the rear in smaller letters it will say: "Boy Scout Troop 136, Epping NH" and list the names of all the donors. The cost of the trailer with graphics will be approximately \$2500.00. Please make checks out to "Boy Scout Troop 136" and in the memo write "Trailer".

Donations may be sent to:Boy Scout Troop 136

c/o Cliff Cray

6 Depot Road

Epping, NH 03042

Thank you for helping.

Submitted by: Cliff Cray Former Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman

Cliff Cray

On February 25, Cliff Cray turned 70! Sixty-five friends and relatives gathered on a snowy evening to celebrate this milestone with him.

The master of ceremonies walked us through a "This Is Your Life, Cliff", highlighting his work with the Scouts, The Fire Department, his years in the Coast Guard and with The Epping Community Church.

We wish you many more happy years, Cliff!

Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens Club extends a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our annual Yard Sale such a great success. As we say every year, it was a lot of work but...a lot of fun. On Saturday evening, we all agreed that it was the last one. Hah... on Sunday morning, we started making plans for a bigger and better Yard Sale for next year. Of course we know that someday, our Saturdays are going to consume our Sundays, but until then let's keep our regular date at the Yard Sale <u>next year.</u>

Our annual Bake Sale is coming up on Memorial Day. We'll be in front of the Library once again with lots of homemade desserts. Last year was interesting. No one made brownies because we all knew there were too many the year before. This year we'll have a plan. So, there'll be brownies, cookies, bars and some special treats (fudge). So, stop by for a snack and good conversation.

Well, Spring has sprung and so have we. We recently enjoyed a trip to the Concord Historical Museum. It was a first for all of us and it was excellent! Our next excursion will be to the SEE Museum in Manchester in May. They're celebrating their 25th anniversary with some amazing exhibits. We're also making plans to ride the historic canals at the Mill Museums in Lowell, MA some time in May.

The month of June is becoming quite busy for us. Lots of trips, such as the Pewter Factory and Boat Museum in Wolfeboro on the 15th and the Navy Yard special guided tour on June 20th. This will be our second summer "Back on the Farm." That's the Harvey Farm on Red Oak Hill on June 9th. The members of the Harvey family are such wonderful hosts. It's a great place for a picnic where the warm donuts and cold ice cream are generously added to our bag lunches. Jenny Allen of Epping will be there to teach us about her bees and how they help her to stay healthy.

The Club is now working with the Epping Recreation Department to sponsor an antique auto show along with an appraisal day. Plans are not totally in place yet and if anyone has some ideas or helpful suggestions, they can always give us a call.

I just had a thought. If we really are what we eat, does that mean we senior citizens are shredded wheat and All Bran? Ugh!

Submitted by Irene R. Cote

TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST THIRTY REVOLUTIONARY YEARS IN EPPING



The Warren Farm, now part of the Burley Trust. This was the home of dairy farmer John H. Warren (1897-1982) and his sister Minnie B. Warren (1899-1980). In 1977 they bought the building in downtown Epping that is now the Historical Society museum, and donated it to the Epping Historical Society.

Much of America's great American pioneer spirit and solid values were forged hundreds of years ago in New England's Congregational Church communities of which Epping was one. Each one of these churches was democratically run and strongly believed in the Heavenly rewards of good honest hard work, and, to better pray to God and understand the Bible, everyone, servant and slave included, was welcome to their meetings and helped to read and write. Here in Epping, Peter, the black slave of our second town minister, the most esteemed Rev. Josiah Stearns, surely had that chance.

Tall, intimidating and plainly spoken, Rev. Stearns came to Epping in 1758, and for the next thirty years set a solid moral standard for this town. Perhaps with Peter in tow, he had the habit of just showing up to preach any time and anywhere, including at our local happy time taverns from which he then hauled out members of his wayward flock. Unable to afford much of a library, he borrowed and memorized one book at a time and twice each day "fervently whispered his prayers in an unlit, unheated closet adjoining the family parlour."

Like many other Congregational ministers of the day, Rev. Stearns was a strong defender of the American Revolution. He was convinced that England's rule over this country had made us all slaves and that to defeat the British army was "righteous and approved by Heaven." He sent his sons and Peter to join in the battle for our country's liberty and promised Peter his own freedom for doing so.

Rev. Stearns baptized 1,060 persons in all and at times his church was so crowded that people were unable to gain admission and stood outside to hear him. The man preached to his congregation until he was so sick with cancer he could hardly speak. When he died in 1788, he was laid to rest by a great and sorrowful gathering in the "old Epping churchyard," now within Central Cemetery where other members of his family are buried. About one hundred years after his death, the terrific heat from a fire in the Hoyt shoe factory close by "caused many of the old gravestones to be broken or destroyed." His large stone was most likely among them as nothing remains today to mark the spot where this remarkable person in Epping's history lies buried. But one of his grandsons stated his stone was inscribed as follows:

" Josiah Stearns was born in Billerica, Mass January 20 1732,

graduated Harvard in 1751 and was ordained pastor of the church in Epping March 8 1758.

And died in the assurance of hope,

universally lamented,

July 25 1788 in the 57th year of his age and the 31st of his ministry.

An eminent Christian, an able and faithful minister of the Gospel and distinguished patriot, his life was unreservedly devoted

to the service of his people and his country."

And Peter, the only one of our Epping slaves whose exact gravesite has been found, lies under a stone that reads in part:

"Peter

A Revolutionary Soldier, Freed Slave of Rev. Josiah Stearns, Epping, N. H. born 1750, died 1805 A good Christian"

Peter is buried in Bedford, Massachusetts in the Shawsheen Cemetery, which is now on America's National Register of Historic Places.

This is fifth in a series of Epping historical articles for this newsletter. Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson. Artist: Analesa Harvey

Epping Historical Society

The interim Board of Directors will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm at the Society building on Water Street. The Board will discuss potential updates to the by-laws, the creation of a Web presence, and projects to upgrade and maintain the Society's building.

The Society plans to submit to its members in May of this year, a ballot of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. The list of candidates includes:

President: Michael Vose Vice President: Sandy Goodspeed Secretary: Carol Bonefant Treasurer: Pam Currier At-Large: Joy True

These candidates currently serve on the interim Board.

At its Open House on March 23, the Society welcomed six new members. Currently, Society volunteers continue the task of Historical Society News. cataloging collection material provided by Epping residents and family members. The Society gratefully acknowledges and offers its appreciation to the following volunteers for their recent work on the collections: Irene Cote, Marion Buffington, LeithaTalmage, and Ralph Maxwell.

Now in its 41st year, the Epping Historical Society seeks to preserve the heritage of Epping, NH, a town incorporated in 1741 by then Provincial Governor Benning Wentworth. The Society houses a rich and varied store of primary source documents, out-of-print historical books, and museum-quality artifacts from Epping's past. The Society always welcomes volunteers and requires no special training. Many volunteer opportunities exist to file records and other materials into family collection books, and to help arrange the Society's display artifacts. The Society occupies a building that originally housed an A&P Supermarket dating from 1923. The market moved to other guarters in the early 1950s and subsequent owners donated the structure to the Society in the 1970's.

Open on Monday mornings from 9:00–12:00, or by appointment, you can visit or call the Society at (603) 679-2944. Or, call Joy True at (603) 679-8855 for more information.

West Epping Dam to be Removed

Plans are moving forward for the NH State Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Dam Construction Crew to remove the Bunker Pond Dam in West Epping. Beginning May 16th, the water will be drawn down slowly, in order to let the sediment settle, and then the physical part of the dam will be removed, starting in August. At the informational meeting held on April 26th, there were concerns raised about the private wells in the area. Water level transducers to monitor any impact will be placed in these wells.



Epping Garden Club

The Epping Garden Club will be holding our annual plant sale in front of the Epping Library before and during the Memorial Day Parade. This year, in addition to perennials, we will also be offering vegetable seedlings and will also have a bake sale table!

If you would like more information on the Garden Club, please stop by our table at the Tons of Trucks event sponsored by the Epping Recreation Dept at Watson Academy on May 22nd.

The Epping Garden Club meets the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Library. You can also find us on Facebook!.

Everyone is welcome! **No gardening experience or knowledge is needed** – just a desire to dig in the "dirt"!

Submitted by Mary-Jo Hinkle, President, EGC



Leddy Center

Mary Gatchell and her band from NYC are back at the Leddy Center **May 13th at 7:30 pm**. She and her incredible band are among some of the most premiere musicians on the east coast and together they'll be performing an exciting evening of music. Her band includes the well-known and highly respected Grammy award winning drummer, Rodney Holmes of Santana, Guitarist David Phelps, currently a member of Peter Apfelbaum's 11-piece band, The New York Hieroglyphics, and Ken Dow who has played both Upright and Electric Bass for over twenty years, playing with many distinguished artists all over the world.

Other attractions coming to the Leddy Center are "The Music Man" in July, "Cinderella" in October/November and "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and "Gift of the Magi" in December.

Tickets for Mary Gatchell in Concert, Friday, May 13, at 7:30 pm, are \$18 for adults and \$13 for full time students. Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call Leddy Center at 603-679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at www.leddycenter.org.

Channel 22 - ETV - Schedule - live programs Monday – May 4, 16 & Tuesday May 31 and June 13 & 27 at 7 pm - Selectmen Tuesday – May 1 & June 7 - Water & Sewer - 7 pm

Tuesday – May 24 & June 28 – Fire Wards - 7 pm Wednesday – May 18 & June 15 – Budget Committee - 7 pm

Thursday – May 5 & 19 and June 2 & 16 - School Board - 7 pm

Thursday – May 26 & June 6 - Planning Board - 6 pm

Friday – May 20 & June 17 – Civil War Roundtable at 7 pm

<u>Studio E Roundtable with Town Administrator Dean</u> Shankle:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 6 pm

Friday & Saturday - 12 pm

Monday Meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am Thursday - 3pm

Monday - 2 am

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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 <u>http://etv22@pegcentral.com</u> 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 broadcast live by going to: http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html.

New Town Clerk & Tax Collector Hours

Beginning May 1st

Monday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136 Pinewood Derby Results

What a blast was had by all the boys! The boys worked really hard and there were some pretty cool designs! Congrats to our Pack Winner: Kristopher Birarelli!!!

Winners by Den: Tiger Den 4: 1st place Domenic Spinelli, 2nd Zachary Orthman, 3rd Patrick McTague; Wolf Den 2: 1st David Parent, 2nd Peter McTague, 3rd Nicholas Spinelli; Wolf Den 5: 1st Kristopher Birarelli, 2nd Tyler Melton, 3rd Jacob Oumansour; Bear Den 1: 1st Ryan Moulton. 2nd Timothy Gibb, 3rd Daniel Warren; Webelos Den 1: 1st Connor Jennings, 2nd Owen Joyal, 3rd Nick Clough; Webelos Den 2: 1st Ryan Sylvain, 2nd Seth George, 3rd David Cardin.

Special Awards: Most Scout Spirit: Jacob Oumansour, Most Original: Tyler Melton, Judge's Choice: Patrick McTague

Upcoming Events:

Higgins Armory Overnight: April 29th: Let us take you back to medieval times and spend the night at the Higgins Armory where we will feast like knights and learn all about knighthood.

MAY: Memorial Day Parade. Show your spirit and love of our beautiful Town and Country. The Scouts will be heading up the Memorial Day parade wearing their colors with pride. Come cheer us on!

Rain Gutter Regatta: This will the Pack's first ever Boat race. The boys will build their own sailboats and go head to head trying to take home first place. This event should be a lot of fun!

JUNE: Fisher Cats Sleepover on June 10th: It's baseball season and that can only mean one thing - Sleepover on the Fisher Cats field.

Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups. 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2nd grade, Wolf; 3rd grade, Bears; 4th grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5th grade, 2nd year Webelos.

The Pack consists of Dens and their families. Pack 136 meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School. Pack meetings are filled with fun and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

Wow! Cub Scout Pack 136 has grown by leaps and bounds this year. We have lots of new Scouts joining our ranks, which is so wonderful. Don't miss out, come adventure with us!

SCOUTING = FUN, Don't miss out!

We're looking forward to lots more fun events. Some examples of things we plan to do this school year are: Higgins Armory for a fun sleepover where we learn about Knighthood, Rain Gutter Regatta Race, Fisher Cats game and camping overnight on the field

It's going to be an incredible year of Scouting. The boys are all working hard on their badges for the year. Thank you to the Epping Community for all of your support.

Come join us at one of our upcoming Pack meetings:

May Pack Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th, at

6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School

June Pack Meeting: Wednesday, June 15th, at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School (FIELD DAY & Cross over)

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining scouts, please contact our Cubmaster Craig Clough at <u>cclough154@comcast.net</u> or 603-734-2124.

Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=1990596851 09&fbb=r6c4d2187&refid=46

Boy Scout Troop 136

Troop 136 had a very active March and April Spring Scouting season. The Scouts were recently camping out at the Straw property in Epping. Despite the wind and heavy rain, many Scouts made progress on their rank advancements and merit badges.

Numerous Scouts recently passed their board of review and will be advancing to their next rank. Those progressing include Sawyer Begin to Life Scout, Sean Day to Life Scout, Dylan Rees to Star Scout, Justin Bacon to Second Class, Steven Chadwick to First Class. Troop 136 also welcomed three new Boy Scouts to the Troop that crossed over from Pack 136 on April 21st.

The Troop will be participating in the Districtwide Camporee at Stratham Hill Park on May 13-15. The theme will be Fire Safety and the scouts will be working on their Fire Safety Merit badge.

On **May 7th** the Troop will be holding their annual **fundraising yard sale** at the American Legion in Epping. Items can be donated for this event and tables can be purchased for \$10 for those wishing to participate in the yard sale. Please come out and support the Scouts on this date beginning at 8 am and lasting until 3 pm.

The Troop would like to thank all those who supported the recent special fundraiser that was designed to acquire a utility trailer for the Troop. The Norman Denoncour memorial trailer will soon be a reality due to the generosity of local residents and businesses, and through the efforts of fundraising chair, Cliff Cray. A hearty thanks from the Troop to all who donated! The Troop looks forward to finally having a trailer to transport and store their gear.



Explorer Post 716 and the

Epping Fire Department

We welcome Epping's first full time Fire Chief.

The Selectmen have hired Donald DeAngelis as

the first full time Fire Chief for the town of Epping. Chief DeAngelis has been a firefighter for over 33 years. He has worked his way through the ranks and was a battalion chief in the city of Concord. He is also a paramedic. Chief DeAngelis has a background in financial management and a Public Administration degree. He lives in Concord with his wife Heather and his two children. Welcome to Epping, Chief!

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

Explorer Post 716

Why do we want an Automatic External Defibrillator "AED" in every public building?

Several years ago a young athlete at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH named Matthew Keene had his heart stop while on the football practice field. His coaches started CPR, while a trainer called for the AED. It was quickly brought to the field, used, and Matt's life was saved. After recuperating, Matt decided to do some fundraising and was able to purchase 14 units for the schools in his home town of Berlin and the neighboring town of Gorham.

When the Epping Fire Department Explorer Post 716 heard about this, they decided that they needed to raise funds and awareness of the AED's. In about a year's time they were able to purchase AED's for the High School sports program, one to be located outside the Middle School Gym, help the High School purchase one for the High School Gym, put one in the Elementary School and one in Watson Academy. They also donated one to the Ellis School in Fremont.

This was a tremendous fundraising effort and as much as we hope no one in the school system ever needs them, they are placed where they can be reached at a moment's notice. Every store, work place and all public buildings should have one of these units and have trained personnel available on all shifts that can respond to an emergency.

There have been reports of several incidents in our country in the past couple of months, of young athletes collapsing and dying of cardiac arrest where no AED was available. Thanks to Explorer Post 716, several AED's are available if they are needed in Epping.

The Explorer Post is looking for new members. This is a co-ed program for youth 14 to 20 years old that may be interested in the fire service or emergency medical service. Call 679-5446 or 396-9436 and ask for Captain Cray. He will get the message and return your call.

Police Explorer Post 714

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

American Legion News

Monthly Breakfast Buffet! Monthly breakfasts will be held **Sunday May 8**th and Sunday **June 12th**. Come enjoy a hot Breakfast Buffet! Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, French Toast Sticks, Coffee, Potatoes all piping hot and ready to be enjoyed. Bring your newspaper and your appetite!

The Buffet is \$6.00 a plate and worth every penny!

The Civil War Roundtable of NH

The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire is looking for anyone with an interest in this period of history to join us as we learn more of the battles, people and events of this most intriguing time. This year, 2011, marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War and the 20th anniversary of the Roundtable.

Our May 20th meeting will feature Maine historian/author Tom Desjardin who'll present "Gen. Ellis Spear." Ellis Spear was a member of the famous 20th Maine, but after the war disagreed with many members as to the importance of their role on Little Round Top at Gettysburg. Tom Desjardin's credentials include archivist/historian at Gettysburg, teaching at Bowdoin College and others, and he was consultant to Jeff Daniels for the movie Gettysburg.

The June 17th meeting of the CWRT of NH will feature historian/author Carol Bundy from Cambridge. The talk will be about George McClellan's February, 1863 Visit to Boston. At this point in McClellan's career, he was out of the army but not yet a presidential candidate against Lincoln in '64. This should prove a very interesting topic.

Our meetings are held at the Epping Town Hall on the third Friday of each month (no meetings July, August or December). Doors open at 6:45 and we begin at 7:15 pm. We are free and open to the public and the only requirement is an interest in Civil War history. More information can be found at www.cwrt-nh.org As our saying goes, "There's no time like the present to join us in the past."

Submitted by William Hallet

Epping Community Church

We are delighted to welcome visitors and new residents of Epping. You are always invited and welcome at Epping Community Church, located at the corner of Route 27 and Main Street in Epping. Our Sunday worship is at 9:00 am with a time of fellowship following the worship service. From Sunday to Sunday you will have the opportunity to hear the Epping Community Church Chancel Choir, the ECC Bell Choir, the ECC Praise Band, and various vocal presentations. You will also be challenged to hear the Gospel anew and follow Christ on a daily basis as you walk in God's love. Children's Sunday School is from 11:00 am to 11:45 am.

It has been an inspiring 40 days of Lent and then Easter celebration of the risen Lord. Together we journeyed by hearing the word of God proclaimed in the Gospel of Luke through the story of the Prodigal Son. Jesus taught in a manner that shocked the religious people of his day and encouraged the outsiders to come and hear the Good News.

Not only do we have the Good News of Jesus Christ, risen and alive, but we also have good news with trees budding and all of creation beginning to come fully alive with the spring weather. It seems to have been a longer winter than usual, but the wait is worth it now that flowers are blooming and the weather is warming a bit.

NEW PRAISE BAND

A new praise band has formed for the worship service. Currently playing as part of the worship two times monthly, the praise band is comprised of Mike Young, saxophone, Ron Ronsavalli, electric guitar, Kevin Murphy, acoustic guitar, and Wayne VanGundy, keyboard. A blend of blues and country, the new praise band has brought a new dimension to our praise music and worship experience. Eventually, the praise band will play for a new worship service to begin sometime in 2011.

BUILDING PROGRAM

With the downturn in the economic climate the past two years, many have been wondering what's happening with the new building addition. The Lord has been good! He continues to bless in the areas of fundraising, but we have had to exercise perseverance, patience, and prayer. We all wanted the building to come fast, but the Lord knows best and His timing is always right. We are now expecting the new addition to move ahead in 2011. The congregation has raised over a quarter million dollars for the project. Many from the community and church have been involved in fundraising, planning, and offering talents and abilities toward the project. This truly has been a walk of faith and God's will and direction will prevail. Praise the Lord!

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is very busy on Thursday and Saturday mornings, filling the needs of our community, and has been busier this year than at any time before in its history.

We could not have done it without a very dedicated group of individuals in the church and from the community. We are grateful to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church for their support, Wal-Mart, Starbucks, Hannaford's, students and teachers from the Epping Schools, the Boy Scouts, Postal Service, and all others for the donations of food items and organized food drive efforts.

For those who can help - we are always in need of non-perishable food items for the "Pantry". The need is very great in our community!

Hours of Operation Thursday Mornings 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am Saturday Mornings 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am

THURSDAY SOUP OF THE DAY CAFÉ

The Soup of the Day Café provides a warm lunch and opportunity for fellowship around the table. There are generally two soup types available and always homemade from some of the best recipes around.

Hours of Operation Thursdays 11:00 am —12: 30 pm

TELEPHONE CARE

The design of the program is to provide a daily contact for those who find it comforting to know that once in the morning Monday through Friday an individual from the church will call to check and see that things are okay and the day has started.

Whether for an aging parent, a home alone elder, a shut-in or any other need, TELEPHONE CARE provides comfort and assurance knowing that someone is calling to be sure you are okay. This program is provided all year long. If you are interested in having TELEPHONE CARE for yourself or someone you love, call 679-5542 and leave your name and telephone number where we may call you and talk further. There is no cost or fee associated with this program.

FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA

Friday night pizza seems to be everyone's favorite on Friday evenings. Come and enjoy a large pizza with choice of toppings for \$8.00. Your purchases and contributions help support the work and ministry of Epping Community Church.

THIRD SATURDAY DINNERS

On May 21, a Special Five Course German Dinner will be served with an "Oompah" Band as special entertainment <u>and dancing after the dinner</u>. The cost is \$20, serving starts at 5 pm. NO Ticket Sales at the door. Advanced reservations by calling: Paul Gustavson at 603-702-1342. This dinner will benefit the Community Church Building Fund and the Seacoast Parkinsonian Group. On June 18, our very popular Roast Turkey Dinner will be served. Included on the menu will be mashed potatoes, butternut squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls & butter, homemade pies & beverage. The cost is \$8.00, serving from 5 to 7 pm. Proceeds will benefit the "Building Fund."

UPCOMING EVENTS

May is just around the corner and our community will be turning out for the annual **Memorial Day Parade**. The Ladies Aide of Epping Community Church will once again have a tent set up on the church parking lot where you will be able to purchase hot dogs, cold drinks, coffee and tasty goodies.

An **Ice Cream Social** will be held on Friday evening, May 13th from 5 to 7 pm. The Ladies Aide is sponsoring the social with ice cream and all the toppings, yours to enjoy for a donation to the work of Ladies Aide. And, what better way to observe Friday the 13th than with ice cream!

The Ladies Aide will sponsor another **Ice Cream Social** following church on Sunday, June 12th at 10:30 a.m. Great fellowship, a great treat all for a donation.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27) Epping NH 03042 Office Telephone: 679-8805 Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 pm Sunday 8 am; 10:30 am and 6 pm Weekday Masses: Monday 9 am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 am Wednesday at 7:30 pm May Crowning: Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm

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 <u>www.faithbibleinstitute.com</u>

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

Thursday nights we offer a small group 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-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. <u>pastorron@eppingbible.org</u>

We have all our services online for your viewing. <u>www.eppingbible.org</u> Our Sunday morning services are also aired on ETV – channel 22.



Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library

151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to Town Hall

(603) 679-5944

Yes, Epping, there WILL be a summer reading program... though it may look a little different from past years. HMML will be Epping's central location

for this summer's exploration of "One World, Many Stories," joining libraries from all over the country who are using this theme. From July 5th through August 12th, Epping readers from toddlers to teens will find incentives, projects and programming at three different libraries, making use of both the Middle School and Elementary School library collections as well as ours here on Main Street.

Preschool families will find Story Hour staying in its usual "school year" time slots, while filling weekday mornings with Tall Tales, Toy Stories, Prehistory, Fairy Tales and more. Elementaryaged students will be able to check in, tally their reading logs and shop at the SRP store any hour the library is open, and will have their choice of investigative and interactive projects to help create a room-sized map of the world, using pieces of stories from everywhere. Middle school readers will have a Campfire Book Talk to kick things off, passports to fill out and weekly gatherings on Thursday evenings to tell their own stories through art, poetry, film, music or whatever method inspires Our SRP Crew made up of volunteers them. entering 6th grade and above, will begin meeting in May to prepare projects, brainstorm letterboxing ideas and help create Topic Teams as the school vear winds down.

It is true that the EES Library staff will not be migrating down the hill to run this year's program, but they will be working at the school, and we are hoping to still see their exciting mixture of crafts and games for 6-11 year olds in July. It is also true that the HMML does not have a line item in its budget for summer reading, but that is why we need everyone to join the Friends of the Library's support of our annual Toy Sale in June. Since its inception 6 years ago, the Toy Sale has provided funds to stock the SRP Store shelves and purchase supplies for summer projects, without affecting the operating budget of the library.

It will be a summer of storytelling in all of its many wonderful forms. Anyone with questions or interested in becoming part of the SRP Crew is encouraged to speak with Miss Tracie in the Children's Room.

The Library is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Check our website at <u>www.eppinglibrary.com</u> for more information on programs and services.

The staff would like to welcome and introduce our new Library Trustee, voted in by the town in March. Congratulations to Laurie Dudley who was once our evening staff person and served as interim director 2 years ago. Thank you and best wishes to outgoing treasurer, Lynn Reinhard.

Board Chair: Nan Nutt

Vice Chair: Abby Constantineau

Secretary: Simonne Murphy

- Treasurer: Heather Clark
- Trustee: Laurie Dudley

Library Trustees meet the 3rd Monday each month at 7:15 pm – May 16th and June 20th.

Bathroom Expansion: The Trustees and staff would like to say a hearty Thank You to the voters in Epping for passing the Warrant Article allowing us to expand one of our little bathrooms to ADA compliance. When completed, the Library will have two unisex bathrooms: the present ladies room staying as it is, and a large, handicap accessible bathroom next to it with an official changing station and hands free soap and towel dispensers. During construction it will be loud and messy, but the result will better serve all our patrons.

Small Kitchen Gardens – Thursday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm

Maggie Donovan of Willow Pond Organic Community Farm in Brentwood will show us how to grow a small garden full of fresh produce for your family's kitchen.

Coming Up in May and June:

Programs 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 first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

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

Cinema 151: Adults are invited to come enjoy a recent release on our 9 foot screen with stereo surround sound - 4th Thursday each month @ 7:45 pm. Bring a camp chair in case our "comfy chairs" are occupied.

May 26 "The Way Back" A war drama about a group of prisoners escaped from a Siberian Gulag camp during World War II

June 23 "True Grit" Jeff Bridges A new version of an old classic

Programs for Children:

Preschool Story Hour: Wednesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. This is a drop-in program designed for children ages 2 to 6. No registration is needed. The kids have time to explore the library, look for books and play with friends before sitting down for songs and stories with Miss Tracie, and then may participate in the related craft project. This is a great social time for preschoolers and their parents.

Story Explorers - Spring Session: Meets Tuesdays after school 3:30 to 4:30 pm, May 3 – June 14 (a slight schedule change from previous listing). This program is for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, who enjoy listening to stories and working on projects. During the spring session we will explore art and science with stories, handson experiments, crafts and outdoor discovery when possible. Snack is provided by generous library families. Pre-registration is required so we have continuity week to week. Parents must remain on site during class.

Pajama Night: the second Friday each month at 6:30 pm. This year we are alternating regular Pajama Nights with PJ Movie Nights. Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun family event for kids ages 2-8

May 13 Frog and Toad Pajama Night: This month's crafts, stories and scavenger hunt will focus on these spring creatures and the many places they pop up in children's stories.

June 10^t PJ Movie Night featuring "Gnomeo & Juliet" rated G

Spring Tea Party: Saturday, May 21st 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Epping's youngest ladies and gentlemen are invited to an event even Fancy Nancy could be proud of. Dress in your finest party clothes OR don a fanciful costume for the occasion, and enjoy a special tea party complete with china teacups and a buffet of tasty treats. A dress-up area will provide the chance to try on different "looks" using items from Miss Tracie's Costume Closet. Young attendees and their chaperones are asked to RSVP at the podium in the children's room.

*SAVE THE DATE**SAVE THE DATE**SAVE THE DATE*

7th Annual Toy Drive – We are now taking donations for our annual Toy Sale on **Saturday**, **June 25th**. Gently used toys, games, infant and toddler items and even outdoor play equipment but *no clothes or stuffed animals* will be accepted. We have a place to store items until sale day, thanks to Library Trustee Heather Clark, so feel free to bring things in anytime we are open. The annual toy sale raises funds for our Summer Reading Program. Keep the library in mind when you do your spring cleaning!

Friends of the Library

What are the Friends of the Epping Public Library? We are a non-profit group, dedicated to

assisting our Town Library in many ways. We hold several fundraising drives throughout the year. With the money we raise, we are able to purchase items that the Library would not otherwise be able to afford or that are simply "wish list items". These items range from a display case for a Harry Potter book, signed by the author, to comfortable, ergonomic office chairs. We have also, in the past, helped to move all the books from one room to another and have ripped up old carpeting in preparation for getting new carpeting laid.

Who are the FOL? We are Epping residents who love our Town and our Library. Won't you join us at our next meeting - May 9 - at 7 pm at the Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library?

F.O.L. meets the 2nd Monday each month at 7 pm. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Library!

The Porch

The Porch is a non-denominational, not-forprofit, 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 is provided from the Elementary School to The Porch. Please e-mail <u>eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com</u> 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 different services to the community, including after school tutoring and counseling for all ages. Please feel free to e-mail 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 eppingrecreation.org/avenueayouthcenter.org

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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

Second Blue Devils Talent Show

The 2nd annual "Blue Devils With Talent" Talent Show will be **FRIDAY**, **JUNE 3rd**! Stay tuned for details on audition times! Last year's event was wonderful and we hope to see more of the amazing talent our Blue Devils have this year!!

Check Out Our NEW "Avenue A" program for Grades 5-8!

Our after school program for students grades 6-9 has made some exciting changes. Due to low enrollment in our past Middle School programs, we have decided to go in a new direction! We will now be opening up our "Avenue A" program to students in Grades 5-8! The new program offers structured daily activities from after-school until 5:30 pm. Whether you are looking for a fun activity for your pre-teen to participate in weekly, or childcare on specific days, we've got you covered! The monthly schedule of activities allows you to choose only the days and activities your child wants to participate in, from 2:30-4:30 pm daily for only \$5 per day. If your child needs a safe and fun place to be after a school sport or activity, we offer an extended hour of "Open Rec." programming for only \$3 per day. During this hour, you child can "hang out" in our new "Game Room", complete with a foosball and pool table, safe tip dart board, large screen TV for movies and age appropriate Wii and Playstation games. Go to the Middle School Page on our website for more details. Registration and advanced payment is required **monthly** for this program.

Spring 2011 Before and After-School Program

Grades K-5 6:45-8:20 am and 3:00-5:30 pm Epping Elementary School

Our "River Otters" before and after school program is licensed by the State of New Hampshire for up to 40 participants. We are approved to use the Eagle Room, Gym, Music Room, Library, Art Room, and Computer Room, as well as the soccer field and playground.

We provide a safe, nurturing place for children to attend quality programming beyond the schools' hours of operation. We strive to help youth reach their full potential by allowing them to explore their physical, social and intellectual interests in a safe and fun setting. The culture of our programs emphasizes quality relationships and a healthy respect for individuality. We provide enough structure to keep everyone safe, but we also offer an open atmosphere that allows children to explore their interests in groups or on their own.

The River Otters before school program operates on normal school days at the Epping Elementary School for youth in grades K-5. The program opens at 6:45 am and runs until students leave for their classrooms at 8:20 am Kindergarteners are escorted by staff. At the program, the youth are able to finish homework, work on arts and crafts projects, play games in the gym and use the playground. They are able to eat breakfast with the school breakfast program. The after-school program operates on normal school days from school dismissal until 5:30 pm. Students have a snack and then head outside (weather permitting) or to the gym, art room, library, computer room, or music room.

Adult Basketball and Volleyball

Want to play adult basketball or volleyball? Come join the Epping Recreation Department for some pick-up Co-Ed games in the EMS Gym.

Basketbal on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Volleyball on Sundays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Cost of these programs is \$3 per night to cover the cost of staff and equipment needs.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to email us at <u>eppingrecreation@gmail.com</u>

Guitar Lessons at Watson Academy

For children, teens, and adults alike, taking guitar lessons at Epping Recreation is an affordable, enjoyable, and rewarding experience. Taught by 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 603-608-8672 josephkmurphy@gmail.com http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/

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

Karate Classes

Grades K-8, Tuesdays (at Rec Dept) 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 <u>derryata@aol.com</u>

<u>Zumba</u>

The popular dance aerobics class has come to the Epping Recreation Department! We offer class every **Thursday night from 7:45 - 8:45 pm** at the MS/HS Cafeteria with our instructor Lauren Aricidi. This is a fun and energy packed workout that burns tons of calories and gets you in shape!

The cost of the program is:

\$6 to drop in

\$27 for 5 classes

\$52 for 10 classes.

Contact the Epping Recreation Department today for more details!

Keep your eye out for information on a free outdoor class being offered later this spring!

Families First of the Seacoast

Looking for something to do with the little ones? Then sign up for "Family Morning Out," a free, relaxed program for parents and kids offered by Families First Health and Support Center.

During the first 45 minutes of Family Morning Out, children and parents together will explore ageappropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snack. In the second 45 minutes, children have fun with our child care staff, while caregivers enjoy adult time.

The group meets on every Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Epping Recreation Center, 17 Academy St. Susie Bright and Jodi Foster of Families First lead the program.

Family Morning Out is open to all families with children ages 0 to 6. There is no charge to attend, but advance signup is required: Call Families First at 603-422-8208 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, visit <u>www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org</u> or call 603-422-8208.

Funding for Family Morning Out is provided in part by grants from the State of New Hampshire, United Way of the Greater Seacoast and the NH Children's Trust Inc.



School District Website

Check out the new navigation item "What's New" on the Epping School District website at <u>www.sau14.org</u>. "What's New" was added to provide a summary of new additions to the district website with links to additional information. New information on the School District Report Card 2010, district Math Committee Report, Bullying Policy and Common Core State Standards can be found there

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 <u>www.sau14.org</u> 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

•May 5 and 19 •June 2 and 16

Epping Elementary School (EES) EES Schedule for May – June

<u>May 2</u> PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. There will be free babysitting available in the Library.

May 2-6 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

May 6 Nurse's Day

<u>May 9</u> EES National Elementary Honor society Meeting at 3:15 pm

May 9-June 9 NWEA Testing

May 10 Mary Doane (Turtle Lady) visits 2nd Grade

<u>May 11</u> TEMPO (The Epping Music Parents' Organization) Meeting 4:30 pm EES Art Room

May 12 5th Grade Parents' Night at the Middle School from 6:30-8:00 pm

<u>May 20</u> Kindergarten Screening at Epping Preschool starting at 8:30 pmi

<u>May23</u> Grade 2 Field Trip to Odiorne Science Center 10:45 to 2:45

May 30 Memorial Day - No School

<u>June 1</u> Spring Concert for Grades 2, 3 & 5 and Advanced Band at 7 pm in EMS gym

<u>June 2</u> Spring Concert for Grades 1 & 4 and Beginning Band at 7 pm in EMS gym

June 6 PTO meeting at 7 pm in the EES Library

June 7 Grade 4 Field trip to Strawberry Banke 9 -2

<u>June 8</u> TEMPO Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Art Room <u>June 9</u> Grade 4 Field Trip to UNH Dairy Farm and

Equine Facility 8:45 to 2:30 June 10 PTO Carnival 6 to 8 pm at EES

June 13 EES Nationa Elementary Honor Society

meeting at 3:15 pm

June 14 Field Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5

June 15 Field Day for Grades 1 & 2

<u>June 17</u> Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & Assembly from 8:15 to 9:30 am

<u>June 21</u> Grade 5 Field Trip to Charlestown Naval Yard, Super Duck Tour and Bunker Hill Monument 8:35 am to 4:00 pm

June 23 Last Day of School

Awards Assembly Grades 1-4 from 9 to 11 am Awards Assembly Grade 5 from 1:15 to 2:45 pm

Epping Elementary School PTO News

<u>The Basket Raffle</u> is going to continue with ticket sales and a drawing in June. There are over 13 baskets that you can win, ranging from Patriots and Red Sox to chocolate and BBQ. Check out our website for pictures. <u>www.epping-pto.org</u> We will be selling basket raffle tickets at baseball and T-ball opening day on May 1st as well as at the games on Saturdays through May.

<u>The PTO Carnival</u> is back!!! Join us on **Friday**, **June 10th from 6 to 8 pm**. The carnival will be held inside and outside the Elementary School.

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of our Elementary School kids? Letters of intent for any of the PTO Board positions are due by May 31st to Deb Deary. The following positions are available: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, fund raising chair and public relations.

<u>Relay for Life Team</u> Help support "Ladies Lovin' Life" Relay for Life Team. They are participating in a 24 hour walk where all the proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. They are sponsoring a Ladies Night Out on **Saturday, May 14th from 4 to 8 pm** at Natural or Not Salon, 32 Harriman Road, Raymond. There will be vendors from Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Miche Bags, Arbonne as well as Chair Massages! We also have a variety of raffle items you can win. All proceeds from this event will go to the American Cancer Society. Come shop, have some treats and relax! Drop by for a few minutes or kick back and stay awhile!

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Epping Middle School recently held the "Pride Celebration" for the Middle School Guiding Principles. Guiding Principle #3 is "Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments." Those receiving certificates include: Cooper Garrow from the Panthers Team; Emily Colban from the Wildcats Team; Ashley MacLeod from the Ravens Team; Nicholas Carleton from the Chargers Team and Brandi McKay from the Unified Arts Team. Guiding Principle #2 is "Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the school, and yourself." Those receiving the certificates include: Autumn Lanseigne from the Panthers Team; Lyndsee Moreau from the Wildcats Team; Brandon Demarais from the Ravens Team; Jamie Craig from the Chargers Team and Brenna Osaood from the Unified Arts Team. Congratulations to all – you make us proud!

<u>Nice Moves</u> were also recognized at the Pride Celebration for those students who did "Nice Moves" for classmates, teachers or staff. Students are given tickets when they are observed doing something special and names are randomly drawn from those tickets. Those students receiving free snack or free ice cream tickets include: Justin Bacon, Tom Church, Emily Colban, Alissa Croteau, Travis Garand, Nik Kozler, Ashley MacLeod, Danielle McKay, Trevor Robbins and Andrew Vensel. Congratulations for jobs well done!

Also at our Pride Assembly the following students were honored for their valuable contributions to the <u>American Cancer Society's</u> <u>Daffodil Days</u>: Justin Bacon, Lisa Demaine, Brooke Hall, Spencer Holt, Ethan Illsley, Jennifer Jarosz, Tina Le, Kim Lemieux, Breauna Munroe, Noelle Nee, Cameron Osgood, Matt Pefine, Hunter Quist, Evan Silva. Thanks for all of your hard work.

We also gave certificates to Maddie Bentz, Kendra Boswell, Alissa Croteau, Emily Donovan, Ashley Krenzer, Ashley MacLeod, Madeline Marchisio, Deanna McCullen, Breauna Munroe, Chloe Pelletier, Hunter Quist, Sabrina Rivers, Katelyn Sable, Casey

Sturzo and Alexa Wells for their valuable contributions to **Friends Helping Friends Egg Raffle**. Thank you for all that you do to help others.

At the same assembly we also gave certificates in recognition of valuable contributions to <u>The</u> <u>Friends Helping Friends Pin Sale</u> to Zack Bickford, Emily Colban, Alissa Croteau, Eliza Kucera, Megan Mission, Brenna Osgood and Chloe Pelletier. Thanks for all you do for others.

Tyler Wilkins and Michelle Razak were also awarded certificates for their participation in **Doodle4Google** Contest. You did a great job!

The Parent Volunteer Group for EMS is having a Friday Night Frenzy on May 6th from 4 to 8 pm. **This is a family event** filled with fun games for everyone to play and pizza, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and all kinds of snacks and drinks to purchase. Come join in the fun!

Friends Helping Friends is raffling a Boston Bruins autographed hockey stick to benefit our students living with long-term illnesses. Over ten players have signed the stick. Tickets will be available at the main office of the Epping Middle School and through student volunteers. Tickets are one for \$1, six for \$5. Ticket sales will continue through May 24. The winner will be announced May 25, in the Wednesday Communication. Please contact Pat Weisberg for more information.

Epping Middle School Pride Honor Roll for Quarter 3 of the 2009-2010 School Year

<u>Highest Honors in Learning</u> From the Panthers Team is Madelyn Benz; from the Wildcat Team are Alexander Johnson, Sophie Jordan and Sophia Randall; from the Chargers Team are Jeremy Barbosa and Spencer Holt.

Highest Honors in Effort/Work Habits

From the Panthers Team is Erin Daley; from the Wildcat Team are Sophie Jordan, Paige Perdue and Sophia Randall; from the Ravens Team are Hanna Chomas, Deanna McCullen and Chloe Pelletier and from the Chargers Team are Jeremy Barbosa, Jannet Desvira, Brooke Hall, Spencer Holt and Casey Sturzo.

Honors in Learning

From the Panthers Team are Thomas Bullock, Erin Daley, Nicole Dollard, Emily Donovan, Nicholas Funai, Cooper Garrow, Carson Lustenberger, Mark Marasca, Tressa Martin, Brandi McKay, Danielle McKay, Jacob McKay, Michael McKay, Ryan O'Hare, Brenna Osgood, Matthew Pipitone, Devyn Simard, Garrett Snyder and Vy Tran; from the Wildcat Team are Caitryn Bushor, Emily Colban, Eliza Kucera, Taylor Limoli, Sabrina Patterson, Paige Perdue, Jackson Rivers and Felicia Scully; from the Ravens Team are Adriana Brooks, Hanna Chomas, Abigail Dulin, Ryen Gallagher, Bradley George, Jessica Gosselin, Melissa Hinton, Ashley Krenzer, Madeline Marchisio, Deanna McCullen, Breauna Munroe, Noelle Nee, Cameron Osgood, Chloe Pelletier, Bryce Pietrini, Sabrina Portes, Hunter Quist, Sabrina Rivers, Sage Szczechowicz and Alexa Wells and from the Chargers Team are Melanie Bouchard, Sarah Cammett, Thomas Church, Sarah Clements, Amanda Cole, Jamie Craig, Kaylin Cray, Daniel Daher, Madison Davide, Jannet Desvira, John DiFrancesco, Alex Hackett, Brooke Hall, Jessica Hardy, Jennifer Jarosz, Rachel Kaplan, Adrianna Lamparelli, Kayla LaRoche, Tina Le, Kayla MacLeod, Jacob Magyar, Joshua McKee, Morgan Pease, Ashley Perry, Alexa Porter, Evan Silva, Rachel Stone, Casey Sturzo and Alexis Wulff.

Congratulations to all on a job well done.

6th Expanding Your Horizons Math and Science Conference

The 6th annual Expanding Your Horizons Math and Science conference is scheduled for **Saturday May 21, 2010 from 9:00 am - 3:45 pm** at the Stratham Cooperative Middle School. The day is organized by the Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Club, the Greater Seacoast Girls' Initiative and sponsored by local businesses. This is a great opportunity for girls to be exposed to the math, science and technology careers in a fun, and hands-on experience with friends. This free, all day workshop, is open to any girl in grades 6 thru 8. Because of the success achieved in the past 5 years, we are able to increase the number of spaces available for the girls to 200.

Parents/Educators are also encouraged to attend what shall be an informative day. Parental Workshops in the past have included topics such as: The Power of Mentoring, What Every Parent Should Know, Media and Teen Culture and Who Doesn't Love Conflict. The day will also include a keynote speaker.

The day for the girls begins with thoughts from keynote speaker Rebecca Rendina, a recent graduate of the University of New Hampshire. Rebecca has a degree in Biology and Pre-Med. She is currently the head of Emergency Medical Services at Canobie Lake Park where she is certified as an EMT-Basic and soon be certified as an EMT-Intermediate. Her goal is to become a Physician Assistant and she is currently applying to grad schools across the country. With the title of Miss Stratham Fair, she has had the opportunity to talk about CPR, an issue that she is truly passionate about promoting. Her platform in entitled "Keeping the Beat - First Aid and CPR Education" and she does just that as a certified instructor through the American Heart Association.

Girls will choose from a variety of interactive workshops titled: How does that work, empowering Future Generations, What's the Scoop, Lighten Up, Crazy Concoctions, M&M's & Science just to name a few.

We would like to thank our supporters, without them this event would not be possible: Allegra Print & Imaging - Salem, Exeter Hospital, Fidelity Investments, NextEra Energy- Seabrook Station, Lindt Chocolates, L'Oreal, Osram Sylvania, Evergreen Enterprises Inc. and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Register now at <u>www.eagfwc.org</u> The deadline is May 13, 2011.

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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 (July-August) of this newsletter will be available July 1, 2011. We will accept submissions through June 25, 2011 to be included in the next issue. Please send your content, including contact information, for consideration through our website at: www.SpeakUpEpping.org

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Epping Calendar of Events for May 2011

Date	Event	
April 30	"Scrappin" 9 to 5 EES Gym	
May 1	New Hours begin for Epping Town Clerk	
May 2	EES PTO meeting 7:00 pm in EES Art Room	
May 5	Epping School Board meeting 7 pm in Epping Town Hall	
May 5	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 6	Eclectic Book Group at the Library 7 pm	
May 6	"Friday Night Frenzy" 4 to 8 pm – a family event at EMS	
May 7	Boy Scout Yard Sale 8 to 3 at the American Legion	
May 7	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 8	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast 9:00-11:30 am	
May 9	Friends of the Library at 7 pm	
May 11	Friends of Epping Recreation 6 pm Watson Academy	
May 12	EES Fifth Grade Parents' Night at EMS 6:30 – 8:00 pm	
May 12 May 12	Epping Seniors meeting at Watson Academy 1 pm	
May 12 May 12	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 12	"Small Kitchen Gardens" by Maggie Donovan at the Library 7 pm	
May 13	Mary Gatchell at Leddy Center 7:30 pm	
May 13	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 pm	
May 13	Pajama Night at the Library 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 "Frog and Toad Pajama Night"	
May 13	ECC Ice Cream Social 5 to 7 pm	
May 13-15	Boy Scout Camporee at Stratham Hill Park	
May 14	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 15	Historical Society Board of Directors meeting 2 pm	
May 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7:15 pm	
May 18	Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group 7 pm at the Library	
May 19	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 19	Epping School Board meeting 7 pm in Epping Town Hall	
May 20	Kindergarten Screening at Epping Preschool	
May 20	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 pm	
May 20	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting at 7:15 pm in Town Hall	
May 21	Expanding Your Horizons Math & Science Conference Stratham CMS 9 to 3:45	
May 21	Spring Garden Party at the Library 11 am to 1 pm	
May 21	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 21	ECC Dinner at 5 pm "5-course German Dinner with music and dancing"	
May 22	"Tons of Trucks" 11 to 3 in EMS Parking Lot	
May 23	Epping Garden Club meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library	
May 24	Epping Lions Club meeting 6:30 pm in EHS Media Center	
May 25	EHS Spring Concert/TEMPO dinner	
May 25	Friends of Epping Recreation 6 pm Watson Academy	
May 26	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 26	Cinema 151 at the Library at 7:45 pm "The Way Back"	
May 28	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
May 30	MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL	
May 30	Parade, Seniors Bake Sale, Garden Club Plant Sale, ECC Tent with Food, Goodies	

Epping Calendar of Events for June 2011

Date	Event	
June 1	Eclectic Book Group at the Library 7 pm	
June 1	EES Spring Concert Grades 2, 3 & 5 and Advanced Band 7 pm in EMS gym	
June 2	EES Spring Concert Grades 1 & 4 and Beginning Band 7 pm in EMS gym	
June 2	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 2	Epping School Board meeting 7 pm in Epping Town Hall	
June 3	Blue Devils Talent Show	
June 4	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 6	EES PTO meeting 7:00 pm in EES Art Room	
June 7	EHS Awards Night 6 pm	
June 8	Friends of Epping Recreation 6 pm Watson Academy	
June 9	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 9	Seniors Trip to Harvey Farm	
June 9	Epping Seniors meeting at Watson Academy 1 pm	
June 10	EES PTO Carnival	
June 10	Cub Scout Sleepover at the Fisher Cats	
June 10	Pajama Night at the Library 6:30 for kids 2 to 8 "Gnomeo and Juliet"	
June 10	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 pm	
June 11	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 12	ECC Ice Cream Social after church	
June 12	American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast 9:00-11:30 am	
June 13	Friends of the Library at 7 pm	
June 14	EHS Senior Dinner 6 pm	
June 15	Seniors Trip to Pewter Factory and Boat Yard in Wolfeboro	
June 15	Dusty Ol' Mystery Book Group 7 pm at the Library	
June 16	Epping School Board meeting 7 pm in Epping Town Hall	
June 16	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 17	Epping High School Graduation	
June 17	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting at 7:15 pm in Town Hall	
June 17	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry 1:00 – 2:30 pm	
June 18	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 18	Epping Community Church Dinner from 5 to 7 pm "Roast Turkey Dinner"	
June 20	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7:15 pm	
June 20	Seniors Special Guided Tour of Navy Yard	
June 22	Friends of Epping Recreation 6 pm Watson Academy	
June 23	Cinema 151 at 7:45 pm at the Library "True Grit"	
June 23	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – SUMMER VACATION BEGINS	
June 25	7 th Annual Toy Sale at the Library	
June 25	Epping Community Church Food Pantry 9 to 11 am	
June 25	DEADLINE DATE for the July-August issue of the Newsletter	
June 27	Epping Garden Club meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library	
June 28	Epping Garden Club meeting at 7:00 pm in the Elorary Epping Lions Club meeting 6:30 pm in EHS Media Center	
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