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Also, check out our **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline.

Epping Recreation and the New Epping Community Theater

As we are sad to see the Leddy Center close its doors, we are excited to announce the start of a new Epping Rec program, the Epping Community Theater (ECT). This group will be run by a board of directors under the authority of the Rec Dept. and will be focused on creating both classes and productions throughout the year.

The mission of the Epping Community Theater is to entertain, enrich, educate, and inspire both the young and the old within our community through the performing arts. With both classes and performances, students of all ages will be provided

a rich learning opportunity in all aspects of theater production and management. ECT is dedicated to both performers and audiences to create valuable community experiences throughout the year.

Children's theater classes will start with a one week summer camp **August 20th-24th**, held from 8:30 am to noon each day; to sign up go to (<http://eppingrecreation.org/youthprograms/>). Fall and spring youth classes will be offered throughout the year in musical theater, singing, and various instruments. Our intention is to also offer these classes and more to adults.

Performances planned this year will include an Epping winter tradition, A Christmas Carol, which will be directed by Steve Koch (no stranger to the Leddy productions of the show), as well as Alice in Wonderland in the spring!

Performances and classes will be held at the performing space on Ladds Lane (Where the Leddy Center used to perform). Stephen Kaneb, owner of the property, has renamed the building The Epping Playhouse and has generously offered us a great opportunity to share the space.

We hope to put together a "Launching Party" picnic, at the grounds of Watson Academy **August 18th** (day of the fireworks) and are currently working out the details. There is room for all ages to come out and take part in both performing and production so keep your eyes and ears open for what ECT does next!

Brian Miskinis, Theater Board of Directors Chair

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Epping

The 2017-2018 school year is coming to a close with our Epping End 68 Hours of Hunger program feeding an average of 35 kids a weekend and over 1500 weekend bags of food to local kids. That is a value of \$15,000 of food directly into the hands of Epping kids to enable them to get proper nutrition over the weekend.

Our program is only as strong as it's volunteers and supporters. A special thank you to all our team leaders, packers, school contacts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Epping sport teams, Epping Library, Epping Senior group, The Stove Shop, Epping Walmart, and all of our monthly donators. 2017-2018 was a successful year thanks to all of you!

We look forward to the 2018-2019 school year. We will be in need of volunteers to pack bags once a month and also for two people to lead a packing team. Our week 1 and week 2 teams need significant help and leaders for next school year. The commitment is only once a month for an hour. Please reach out via email for Facebook.

Have a great summer!

Karen Poplaski, Coordinator

Senior Moments

Summer was back to the great outdoors. Well, maybe not Great, but we really did enjoy the outdoors at our annual picnic at Kingston State Park. Lots of sandwiches were in our coolers but the extras filled another entire table with everything else - condiments, salads, chips, fruit and endless desserts! I even ate two delicious servings of something I didn't even recognize. Only thing left was to sit back, enjoy the view, tell jokes, play games and meet some new young friends. We sit near the children at the Park for a reason. When those big yellow busses open their doors, it's like someone opened the gates of felicity as eager, active, noisy kids invade the beach like sea gulls over a clam, and we love it! Maybe we look like grandma and grandpa. One little curly haired new friend told me what her dad told her and I repeat "God gave old people time so everything wouldn't happen at once". Well, I told her "friends are chocolate chips in the cookies of life." She looked confused as she strolled back to her friends. Perhaps "cookies of life" was a little heavy.

The LLC (Ladies Lunch Club) escaped once again. This time our fearless driver took us to the Cracker Barrel. The ladies were thrilled but the guys were not. If you've been to the Cracker Barrel restaurant you know you have to walk through the gift shop to the dining room. Now, that is where this conversation ends.

Attorney Williams was the featured speaker at our last meeting. Just when you think you've got it all figured out, you don't. We expected new laws

and changes (after all what are legislatures for?). But the one that got our attention the most was the WILL. We all have one (kids take notice) but what we did not know is that if we have a Trust, we don't need a Will. Just include everything in the Trust. How easy is that? And, we can change our minds as often as we want. Scary huh? Of course Ms. Williams suggested everyone have a Trust.

One of our favorite days was our visit to the UNH Ocean Mapping Center. I can't even find the right words to properly express our amazement. The new technology and their joint ventures with UNH/NOAA have lifted Hydrographic Exploration and Ocean Floor Mapping to new levels that this older generation could only envision as science fiction. But it's real and happening right now. UNH is working alongside other countries to eventually map the entire ocean floor. Can you imagine? We all left with plans to get on the Web and follow their unique operations. Check it out on ccom.unh.edu. There is a link to the Hydrographic Center as well. They each take you to the ocean floor as though you were simply enjoying a walk along the beach. Awesome!

The Club surrendered the Watson Academy to the Recreation Children again this summer. Along with our visit to the UNH Ocean Mapping Center, we plan to go back to the Sunapee Craft Fair in August including the chairlift ride to the top of the mountain. and another visit to the Sea Glass Restaurant to enjoy the crashing waves beneath us. You will see some of us at the Touch The Truck fundraiser again. Plans are in the works to visit the Wild Animal Kingdom this fall but not right after lunch. Last time we were there, all the animals were sleeping after their big meal (sounds familiar?). We want to see some movement besides the ice cream vendor truck. We'll even sneak back to Watson in August for a brief meeting while the kids are away. There are a lot of ideas for the rest of the year. Those lobster rolls at the Tuckaway Restaurant are on the top of our To-Do list. But making Christmas plans in September has got to be illegal.

The Club has grown to 37 members which makes for a lot of new friends in our lives.

To all Senior Citizens out there.....remember this....the O'Neil Theatre is only \$5.00 for us oldies every Wednesday. Good deal because the popcorn costs a lot more then that.

Irene R. Cote, Secretary

News From the Town

There is now a NEW Website for reviewing Epping meetings online: etv22.viebit.com.

Town Dates

July 4th – Town Hall closed for 4th of July

August 18th – Town Fireworks at 9 pm

Looking ahead:

September 11th – State Primary

November 6th – General Election

In and Around Epping

The Planning Board approved an Urgent Care to go on the lot between Valvoline and Cumberland Farms. Blue Bird Storage is still plugging away at their location.

Cell Phones for Our Troops

Donate your old cell phone.

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

The Pease Greeters Need Our Help!

The Pease Greeters, hundreds of volunteers, meet our Armed Forces any time of day or night, as they pass through Pease International Airport on their way to a war zone or on their way home. For more than eleven years, Greeters have welcomed service members on every flight with a warm meal and beverage, small gifts, a cell phone to call home and a hearty round of applause. And for that we give the Greeters our warmest and most sincere thanks. The Pease Greeters began welcoming flights in 2005 and a few months ago reached the milestone of having welcomed 1000 flights. Recently, the number of flights through Pease has increased and the Pease Greeters are in need of **monetary help**. We need to support our service men and women any way we can. If you can give any amount, please make a check payable to Pease Greeters and send or drop it off to Joyce at the Town Hall.

To learn more about the Pease Greeters, sign up for flight alerts or to make a contribution, visit www.peasegreeters.org.

Epping Historical Society

Summer has arrived! And with summer we expect to see many visitors. It is the time of year people are traveling and are thrilled to find us open. We are the only small historical society in the area that is open year round. Although we are only open one morning a week, we love to open up for visitors from away. They call, and make an appointment; usually I can meet them the same day.

Already this season we have had a visitor from California. Her mother grew up in Epping and her grandparents are buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery. She was researching the Briand family. Last week we had a visitor from Hooksett who was doing research on her family right here in Epping. Mary was researching the Gagnon family, with roots in Canada. It turns out her brother also lives in Epping now. It really is a small world.

We are working on our building, doing some much needed cleaning and repairs. The back room needs to be cleaned out (again) but we'll wait for cooler weather to tackle that job!

The Leddy Center has generously donated several items to the Society. One item is the beautiful quilt made by Simone Murphy for the celebration of their 25th year. The Leddy Center was an important part of Epping's history. The theatre produced shows for 43 years. Thank you Elaine and Bruce Gatchell!!

We now have an "almost" complete set of Epping High School Yearbooks. The School generously donated the books when I explained that they were going to be sent to Oklahoma to be digitally copied. This is a free service offered to historical societies, libraries and schools. This is the second time we have sent books to them for copying and there is no charge for service or shipping. We are missing several years, so if you have any around just gathering dust, keep us in mind. The missing years are: 1951, 1952, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1966, 1967, 1970 and 1980.

We welcome volunteers; we can always find a project for you to work on. Come join our Monday morning team, everyone has his or her own special expertise to help with archiving. You will be amazed at the amount of material we have at the Society. We love to share our collections with our many visitors and keeping it organized is a great help.

Jenny and Lee Allen have been volunteering for several years. When we received Don Sanborn's collections, there were numerous newspaper

clippings. Don had separated them by month and year, but they needed trimming. Don always said "today's news is tomorrow's history" and he saved every piece of news from Epping. Jenny trims all the articles and Lee copies them for a clean copy. The old newspapers are becoming very fragile, and need to be tossed. As we are all interested in history, when Lee comes across an interesting story, he shares the story with all of us. Lee found the following recently, an anonymous editorial. The newspaper was not identified.

Labor of Love

To the editor:

On the radio this morning we heard of a state plan to appropriate \$18,500 for an inspection of massage parlors.

In the view of conservatism we wish to save the state this sum, as well as preventing some politician's half-bright relative from being put on the state's payroll for life. One of us having researched similar situations worldwide and the other having checked the local situations with similar enthusiasm and both having made a thorough study of booze, busts and behinds, we hereby volunteer to do the job for nothing!

The following story is about one of our native sons.

Tristram Coffin Colcord (Colket)

Tristram Coffin Colcord was born in Epping in 1809. He was the son of Peter and Phebe Colcord. He grew up in Epping, but he left Epping when he was seventeen years old for Portsmouth, NH, and soon married. His wife died a few years later, leaving two children. Tristram remarried in 1839, and just prior to that time, he moved to Philadelphia. Sometime between his first marriage and his second marriage, he changed his name to Coffin Colket. I can understand dropping the first name, but why his surname? This is a mystery - was it because of financial reverses?

He became a very successful business man, starting in the lumber business, but ended up the President of the Germantown, Pennsylvania Railroad. He owned a lot of property, and lived in one of the most beautiful homes in Philadelphia. Before he died he left several hundred dollars for improvements to the Central Cemetery in Epping. His two sisters and his parents are buried there. He left an immense estate in Philadelphia. He had

several children and his descendants still live in that area.

Not bad for a boy from this small town!

Come visit us at the Society. We are open Monday morning, 8:00 to 12:00, or when the flag is flying! If this is not convenient for you, please call 679-2944 for an appointment or email me at: joysgarden@hotmail.com.

Joy True, curator, Epping Historical Society

Nature Talks

Walk in the Woods and Paddle the River

Your Conservation Commission has been working on trails! Todd Hathaway is designing 4-5 miles of mountain biking trails at the Folsom Conservation Area (on the west side of town near Joshua Lane), which connects to the Rockingham Rail Trail. We'll be looking for volunteers there once it's all well marked. The work will be with hand tools, such as rakes, shovels and hoes, along with some saw work on downed trees and limbs and some pruning.

Many of you know that Robert Friend Low Park (on Mast Road by the speedway) was harvested last summer and we marked out a trail there, about 1.5 miles. We'll be looking for some volunteers to help get that one in shape once the weather cools off a bit.

Thanks to Trail Steward, Joel Harris, Fox Run trails are in much better shape. He installed one microbridge near the exit and repaired the main bridge at the trail entrance by the kiosk.

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is working with the Conservation Commission to upgrade the Tilton Bridge Canoe Launch area. Some of you might have noticed last fall that the Town put down a layer of gravel to smooth the parking area around the pavement. Preston Samuel has designed the upgrade to the canoe launch and Kevin Martin will rework the trail markers, and we'll need volunteers to help get that trail up to snuff.

Lots is happening and we are all working hard. Please consider supporting this effort when you see the signs out asking for volunteers! Send a message to EppingOutdoors@gmail.com or put a note in our box at the Town Hall.

Sandy Goodspeed

The Civil War Roundtable of NH



*NH graves at Soldiers' Cemetery in Gettysburg
(Photo by Bill Hallett)*

The Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire welcomes anyone with an interest in the American Civil War who would like to be with others who share the same desire to learn more of this time in American history. We are an informal club with the only requirement being a Civil War enthusiast. If you or a friend has an interest in the American Civil War, we invite you to come check us out.

Founded in May 1991, the Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire is a group of men and women, young and old, who share our interests, both blue and gray, in the pivotal era of American history known as the Civil War. We are open to the public and welcome all! As our slogan goes, "There's no time like the present to join us in the past."

For more information on the group and a complete schedule of meetings and news, please visit the web site: www.cwrt-nh.org or email cwrtnh@gmail.com.

This is the upcoming CWRT-NH schedule:

We are currently booking 2019 meetings. If you know someone, or would like to offer a talk to our group, please email: cwrtnh@gmail.com.

Note: The schedule is subject to change without notice. You can access the CWRT-NH website for the current schedule. If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be put on ETV.

July & August ~ no meetings - summer break

September 14, 2018 (*note: this is 2nd Friday*) ~

Paul Kahan, PhD, (author/historian) - "The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy" (new book)

October 19, 2018 ~ Jack Kelly (Old Colony CWRT) - "16th Maine at Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863."

November 9, 2018 (*note: 2nd Friday*) ~ Clay Feeter - "Mowed Down at Manassas: The Life and Tragic Death of Col. Fletcher Webster & the 12th

Massachusetts Infantry" (Fletcher Webster is a cousin of Clay Feeter's)

December 2018 ~ no meeting

Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Improving Access to the Lamprey River



The Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee (LRAC) is assisting several towns this summer to improve access areas for paddlers and other visitors.

In Newmarket, the new Schoppmeyer Memorial Park is taking shape. The site is located behind the Newmarket Community Church on Main Street and will feature benches, picnic tables, and carry-in boat access. The town's park advisory committee is also looking into the possibility of including a handicap-accessible kayak launch. The LRAC donated money for the purchase of the site and will help with the design of signage dedicating the park in memory of Chris Schoppmeyer.

In Epping, the canoe landing at the Route 87 bridge crossing is in need of repairs and reconfiguration. This is the finish area for the annual Lamprey River Canoe Race. The Epping Conservation Commission and LRAC are looking at improving the canoe launch, doing trail maintenance on the flood plain educational path, and replacing the tired kiosk panel. The parking area has already been improved with gravel to minimize the drop away from the paved area.

In Epping and Lee, the LRAC is partnering with Trout Unlimited to remove sections of downed trees that block canoe passage. The wood removed will be placed back into the river to provide necessary cover for fish. This work is being supported by a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Summer Events along the Lamprey River

July 27: Nature activities and river walk, Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library, 10-11 am

August 25: Splash and Dash, Schanda Park, Newmarket

The Third Annual event kicks off with a parade of boats and paddlers decked out in the "Pirates of the Lamprey River" theme. The next stage will be when participants in the 3k head out to Great Bay. After the 3k is underway, novice paddlers will vie for honors in the 1/2k. Race prizes will be awarded for best time for solo and team and theme parade prizes will be awarded for best-decorated boat or paddlers.

Please contact the Newmarket Recreation at recdesk@newmarketnh.gov or 659-8581 for more information and to register. Kayaks are available to rent from Newmarket Recreation and Seven Rivers Paddling. Advance reservations are recommended.

September 1: Lamprey River Tidal Eco-paddle, noon to 2:30, Schanda Park, Newmarket

Join experts in oyster restoration, fish passage, Great Bay water quality, estuary wildlife, and eelgrass issues on a guided paddle out to Great Bay and back. Kayaks and gear will be available for rent at a discount through Seven Rivers Paddling. Reservations are required for kayak rentals.

Contact sevenriverspaddling@gmail.com. This family-friendly program is free for those who bring their own boat.

Ultrasonic Nocturne: Listening for Bats



This summer, you might catch a glimpse of this odd looking equipment; don't be concerned. The LRAC is working with Normandeau Associates to get a baseline data set of bat communities along the Lamprey River and several of its tributaries. The equipment records the high-pitched calls of bats as they hunt and communicate.

What do you think they might find? Stay tuned!!



*Helping communities protect the
Lamprey River.*

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen



Epping Garden Club

Five of our members made the drive out to the Keene Country Club to attend the Spring Meeting of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs with over one hundred other members.

We watched a wonderful program on our White House gardens through the years. We also checked out information booths, one being all about our many NH Invasive plants, Pull All That Bittersweet! Kudso is getting closer to NH each day.

Speaking of weeds - either pull and bag them, then add to your trash barrel or use a mix of vinegar, salt and dish soap. Quit buying weed killer - it kills more than weeds. Say No to ROUNDUP! You can mix your own spray up in sprayers, with the above ingredients. The recipe is on our Facebook page but you can also Google organic weed killer. You can also fill a tea kettle bring water to a boil and take out to patio/driveway areas and pour over each weed you want gone. Your well water will be that much healthier than using poisons that DOT, Highway depts and others use.

We will have walked our downtown area by the time this newsletter goes to print. We will be looking into ways to make our downtown area look more vibrant. Please stay tuned!

We will be offering enormous fall mums that will arrive in September. If you missed the pansies, but saw how beautiful they were, the mums are amazing as well. Call 300-0064 and give us your email address if you are not using Facebook so you will know when our sales are and how much the plants are selling for.

The Garden Club meets on the second Sunday of each month. Follow us on Facebook to see the meeting location we've decided upon.

Eunice Miller



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule of live programs

Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, July 2 (signatures only) 16, 30; Aug. 13, 27 - 7 pm

Water & Sewer – Tuesday, July 3; Aug. 7 - 7 pm

Library – Tuesday, July 17; Aug. 21. - 7 pm

Conservation Commission – Tuesday, July 10; Aug. 14 - 7 pm

Parks & Recreation – No July, Aug. meetings.

Budget Committee – No July, Aug. meetings

School Committee –Thursday, July 5,19; Aug. 2, 16
- 7 pm

Planning Board –Thursday, July 12; Aug. 9 - 6 pm

Civil War Round Table – No July, Aug. meetings

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

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1/2 hour after meeting

Monday - 7 am

Tuesday - 11 am

Wednesday - 3 pm

Thursday - 2 am

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

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

“Live” video streaming is also available. Watch
live meetings anywhere while they’re broadcast:
http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html.

The new ETV email is eppingtv22@gmail.com

There is now a NEW Website for reviewing
Epping meetings online: etv22.viebit.com.



Scouting Around Epping Cub Scout Pack 136

Pack 136 is looking for boys and families who
are looking for adventures. Cub Scouting is for
boys entering grades 1 to 5. Cub Scouting has
ideals of spiritual and character growth, citizenship

training and personal fitness. The Scout Oath is a
pledge of duty to God and family. The Scout Law is
a simple formula for good Cub Scouting and good
citizenship. The Cub Scout motto, “Do Your Best,”
is a code of excellence. We believe in involving
families and Cub Scouting provides opportunities
for families to work and play together and have fun
together.

If you would like information about joining Cub
Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster** at
cubmaster@pack136epping.org.

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

Boy Scout Troop 136

Epping Boy Scout Troop 136 just completed the
last Troop meeting for the season on Monday, June
18th. The Troop activities for the summer start with
their summer Court of Honor on **Saturday, July
28th** where they are awarded their ranks and merit
badges. Then they pack up to go to Hidden Valley
Scout Camp in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH for a
week of fun during the **first week of August**. They
will earn new merit badges, swim and have lots of
summer fun. A plan to do some community service
is in the works for the Epping Middle High School -
removing some brush. There are no further details
at this time.



Ryan Sylvain's Eagle Court of Honor

On June 23rd, we were proud to celebrate an
Eagle Court of Honor for Ryan Sylvain of Troop 136
who earned his Eagle. Ryan started as a Cub
Scout with the Epping Pack 136 and continued on
as a Boy Scout, earning his Eagle this year. He led
the work on the Fox Run Park project, cleaning up
brush around the pond, building a new Fox Run
park sign - as well as a construction project to help

protect the map of Fox Run Park. Ryan is a great example of what an Eagle Scout should be. He spent his summer helping and leading younger Scouts during summer camp at Camp Carpenter in Manchester. We are very proud of our Scout for achieving this wonderful advancement in Scouts.



Epping Fire Department Safety Tips For Epping

Summer is here and it's a great time to enjoy the outdoors. It's also a great time to clean out any clutter or unwanted items. Hoarding is becoming a real problem in the United States for firefighters. Although one man's junk is another man's treasurer, it increases the fire load and challenges firefighters to rescue a person in a timely fashion. Fire grows twice as fast every minute and extra clutter only accelerates it.

Cookouts are a great way to celebrate the summer with family and friends. Make sure you grill away from your house, or garage. Never grill or use a hibachi on a deck. It is against the law to have a grill on a deck in an apartment or multi-family complex. Use approved propane gas tanks and shut them off after the grill cools down.

Chimneys should be cleaned by a licensed and insured contractor. Fireplaces and woodstoves should also be cleaned out as well. Make sure ashes are drowned out and never placed in a box or paper bag. The best place to put your ashes is your garden as it will help neutral the acidity in your soil.

Be careful when using fireworks and make sure that you and your family enjoy them from a distance. Never play with fireworks inside a building or structure and be aware of any local, state and federal laws. Yes, Town of Epping allows people to buy and use fireworks.

Burn permits are required and must be obtained in order to burn brush or have a camp and/or cooking fire. You may get them online or stop by the fire station during the day, 7 days a week - from 6 am to 6 pm.

Always know that we are here for you, just a phone call away! Be Safe and enjoy the Summer!

*Lieutenant Paul St Cyr
Fire Prevention Officer and 9-11 Liaison.*

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for **all outside burning**. Permits will be issued at the fire station seven days a week, 6:00 am-6:00 pm. Permits **Will Not** be issued when fire danger is class 3 or above.

If you have any questions contact the Fire Department at 679-5446.

For Daily Fire Danger and an explanation of the different danger levels, please follow the link <http://www.nhdf.org/fire-control-and-law-enforcement/daily-fire-danger.aspx>

The Fire and Brick Museum

At the March 13, 2018 town meeting, the voters allowed the museum committee to use the 1935 fire station at 147 Main Street as a Fire Department and Brickyard Museum. At this time, two of our original pieces of Fire apparatus have been relocated to this building. Our plan is to have a thorough cleaning, replace some of the ceiling panels, then paint the woodwork, the ceiling and the floor. We plan to replace the present doors with glass doors so the equipment can be viewed when the museum is not open. From there we will start building display areas for various fire and rescue equipment and start the history of the Epping Fire Department. The building was built in 1935 with Fire Chief Ralph Goodrich at the controls. It was active until the present Safety Complex was dedicated in 2001 - 56 years of active service. Would you like to be a charter member of the Friends of the Epping Fire and Brick Museum? For information contact Cliff Cray, deacon100@comcast.net or stop into the Historical Society building on Water Street and speak to Joy. Donations to the Friends of the Epping Fire and Brick Museum may be sent to Friends of the Epping Fire and Brick Museum, 37 Pleasant Street, Epping NH 03042.

Cliff Cray

Epping Explorer Posts

Fire Department Explorer Post 716

Explorer Post 136 sponsored by the Epping Fire Department held its final meeting before the summer break on Tuesday June 19, 2018. The Explorers climbed into Engine 3 and traveled to Fresh River Drive where they practiced dressing and tagging a hydrant. Boys and Girls 14 to 20 years of age, do you want to learn what those terms mean? Join our Post. Our next meeting will

be in August but if you join now you can be part of our fundraising at the New England Dragway during the big NHRA show July 6-8. For information, please call the Fire Department at 679-5446 and ask for Tim.

Epping NH Police Explorers

This is a hands-on program for youth ages 14-20. It is for those interested in a career in law enforcement or related fields in the criminal justice system. The program promotes growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism. Please join us in helping to support this local youth program as well as the Child and Youth Program of the SAL.

Youth 14 - 20 may join the Police Explorers by calling 679-5122.

American Legion News

Monthly Breakfast Buffets

Monthly second Sunday breakfasts are being held from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Come enjoy our hot Breakfast Buffets on **Sunday July 8th** and **Sunday, August 12th** – eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes, home fries, and coffee are all piping hot and ready to be enjoyed. Bring your newspaper and your appetite!

The Buffet is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12 and children under six are free - worth every penny!

4-H Circuit Horse Show

4-H members and nonmembers are welcome to join in the Rockingham County 4-H Circuit Horse Show on **Sunday, August 19th**. Registration and Class List will be posted three weeks before the event. The Show is hosted by the Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club at Brookvale Pines Farm, 154 Martin Road, Fremont.

Epping Community Church

We would like to invite you to our worship service at 9:00 am every Sunday morning. Sunday School is over for the year and will resume in September. You can find out more information about our church at eppingcommunitychurch.org.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our annual yard sale. We are grateful for all of the donations and volunteers. It was a huge

success.

In July and August we will not have as many activities at the church. You may notice some cookouts in the driveway every once in a while...stop in and have a bite to eat and meet some new people. We will take a little break from our normal dinner activities. There will not be any 3rd Saturday dinners in July or August. We will return for another delicious meal in September. Look for announcements in local establishments and on our sign out in front of the church.

The Epping Community Care food pantry has been very busy. We had a very successful breakfast in memory of Linda Gauthier in May. Thank you to all that attended the breakfast and brought in food items, toiletries or made cash donations. We appreciate all donations. You help our program to continue to assist those in need in our community.

Our Soup of the Day Café is on Thursday from 11:00-12:30. Anyone in the community is welcome to come to this free lunch. We have been offering various menus during the summer including, steamed hot dogs, green salads, pasta salads, Italian sandwiches and other yummy lunch items. We will be taking a break for vacations this summer. We will be closed on **July 5th** and also during the month of August, returning on **September 6th**.

Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels is located at our church. They do all of their deliveries from our kitchen. They also are serving meals in the church every day except Thursday, when we have the Soup Café. Seniors are welcome to come and have a meal. A 48-hour notice is required. Their phone number is 679-1609. They also provide transportation.

Once vacations are over we will be back in full swing.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone: 679-8805

Mass schedule weekdays:

Mon. 8:00 am **Tues, Thurs, Fri.** 7:30 am

Wed. 7:00 pm

Mass schedule weekends:

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

July

Mondays – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm
(No Adoration, Monday July 2nd)

Tuesdays – Men's Group – 6:00-7:00 am

Fridays – 8 am-7 pm

July 6th – First Friday Adoration – 8:00 am-
midnight

July 7th – First Saturday Adoration –
midnight to 7:45 am

August

Mondays – Adoration – Noon to 9:00 pm
(No Adoration, Monday August 6th)

Tuesdays – Men's Group – 6:00-7:00 am

Fridays – 8 am-7 pm

August 3rd – First Friday Adoration – 8:00 am-
midnight

August 4th – First Saturday Adoration –
midnight to 7:45 am

August 25th – Parish Picnic – 5 pm

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

Epping Bible Church

Epping Bible Church invites you to join them
throughout the week at 243 Pleasant Street in
Epping.

Our Sunday mornings begin with a full, free
breakfast from 8:00 to 9:15 am, followed by Bible
Emphasis Groups (Sunday School) for all ages at
9:15 am. The Gathering, a time for announcements
and to share, is at 10:05 am followed by morning
service at 10:45 am. Evening services are the last
Sunday of the month and begin at 5:00 pm.

Families are welcome. The Bible Emphasis
Groups feature classes for all ages, from 2 year
olds all the way to adults.

A free nursery for children – infants through four
years – is provided during the morning services.
Children ages four through third grade are invited to
Junior Church during the morning service after
praise and worship time.

The Awana program for children age 3 through
sixth grade will begin again in September. The
weekly Friday night meetings help children learn
about God's Word. For details, please contact Dora
Brown at 702-2650 or at awana@eppingbible.org.

Epping Bible Church is located at 243 Pleasant
Street. If you have any questions, please contact
Pastor Ron Townsend at 247-0405 or at

PastorRon@EppingBible.org. Visit their website at
www.eppingbible.org.

Providence Baptist Church

410 Pleasant Street, Epping, NH 03042

Phone: 679-8918

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Service at 10:30 am

Wednesday Food Pantry begins at 10:00 am
(for first time visitors, please have your photo ID
and proof of residency with you)

Wednesday Time of Devotion and Prayer begins
at 6:30 pm

(Check schedule for dinner nights!)

For small groups and other events, please
check out our website at www.pbcnh.org or contact
us at pbsecretary410@gmail.com.

West Epping Quaker Meeting House

The West Epping Meeting grew out of the
Seabrook Quarterly Meeting in the middle of the
18th century. Records show that Joshua Folsom
was a recorded minister among Friends in the
community in 1772 – though he may have
commenced his activities even earlier. The present
Meeting House was built in 1851. The surrounding
tall pines, dating from this period, have been a
distinguishing feature of West Epping Village.

West Epping Friends meet for silent worship at
10 am every first and third Sunday of the
month. We welcome visitors to our meetings to join
with us.



Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library

151 Main Street

734-4587 (Adult Dept.)

679-5944 (Youth Dept.)

679-5884 (Fax)

harvmitch@gmail.com

www.eppinglibrary.com

Youth Dept. email: hmmyouth@gmail.com

Youth Dept. Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/eppinglibrary>

Hours: Monday, Friday – 10 - 5

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 10 - 8

Saturday – 10 - 2

Sunday – 12 noon – 4

July 4th – Library closed – 4th of July

Upcoming Events at the Library

Story time continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 11:15 am, with a new story and craft each week!

July 2: Craft Afternoon: Make a Pet Rock - 2 pm
Libraries Rock! Come decorate a rock and bring it to life as your cool pet (so easy to care for) and perfect reading companion (they never interrupt). We'll provide the rocks and supplies, but you're welcome to go on an adventure beforehand and find a rock of your own to bring!

July 3: Children's Yoga – 10:30 am
Our popular yoga series continues during summer reading, taught by Kripalu Yoga teacher, Leah Pacione! The class will have a fun musical slant to go with this year's Summer Reading theme. Mats are provided, or you're welcome to bring your own-- just show up in comfortable clothes, ready to stretch and have fun!

July 6: SPCA Story time – 11 am
The New Hampshire SPCA will make a visit to the library, featuring some animal friends-- come see what cute creatures they bring this time! We ask that children and adults bring something to donate to the SPCA, such as a can of cat or dog food, dry cat or dog food, etc.

July 10: Birds of Prey with Jane Kelly – 6:00 pm
Jane Kelly returns to present live birds and share her knowledge and stories about them. Jane is a federal and state licensed rehabilitator, educator and falconer, specializing in raptors. Jane has always loved birds and became concerned about birds of prey when she found ten owls that had been hit by cars on Route 101. She decided to get involved by bridging the gap for wildlife through education and rehabilitation. She runs a raptor rehabilitation center here in Epping, "On The Wing," which works with the Veterinary Emergency and Surgery Hospital in Brentwood, NH Fish and Game, Animal Control Officers, Local and State Law Enforcement and the general public.

July 10: Classic Book Group – 7 pm
The Classic Book Group will be meeting to discuss "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne.

July 10: Knitting & Handiwork Group – 6:30 pm

Bring your knitting projects, cross stitch, embroidery, crocheting, hand-quilting, etc. to socialize and share ideas with other local crafters. All levels of experience welcome!

July 13: Wild About Turtles – 11 am
(Please Register in Advance)
Learn about turtles with Mary "The Turtle Lady" Doane! The program includes storytelling, singing, movement, and creative arts. Enjoy live box turtles, aquatic turtles and our most popular NH native turtle, the Common Snapper. Registration in advance is required, as space is limited!

July 14: Paws to Read - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Children of all ages are invited to spend 20 minute sessions reading out loud to Leon the library dog, in order to build confidence and have fun reading in the company of a black lab therapy dog that doesn't judge. Registration in advance is recommended, but it is not required.

July 16: Craft Afternoon: Instrument Building - 2 pm
Just in time for the summer concert, we'll fashion musical instruments out of household objects and common materials. Decorate and create your own instruments-- you can even start a band with your friends! All supplies provided.

July 17: Children's Yoga – 10:30 am

July 17: A Crooked House Movie Night – 7:00 pm
The Dusty Olde Mystery Group will be hosting a movie night at the library-- read the book if you'd like, or just come to enjoy the film version!

July 19: Story time Picnic – 11 am
Join us for a special outdoor story time with picnic treats. Bring a blanket (and stuffed animal!) to sit with and listen to a series of fun stories with music. In the event of rainy weather, we'll have an indoor picnic! Best for preschool age and younger.

July 21: Marjorie Senet & Old Time Dave Talmage Concert-3pm

Our annual outdoor summer concert features the return of two favorite local musicians! Marjorie Senet (of the Trashpickers) and Old Time Dave Talmage (of the New England Bluegrass Band) join to bring you a harmony-driven duo playing Old Time Country and Bluegrass music including

favorites by Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard and the likes. Instruments will include guitar, fiddle, banjo and autoharp. Great for all ages! Bring some blankets or lawn chairs and grab a spot in the park behind Town Hall, adjacent to the library. The Friends will be selling snacks and used books as well! In the event of rainy weather, we will need to hold the concert inside the library.

July 24: Craft Afternoon: Cardboard Box Cars– 2 pm

Turn an ordinary box into a race car! Take it home to read in, pretend you're racing, or watch movies as if you're at a drive-in theatre! *Please bring a large box to work with and we'll supply you with all the accessories and decorations.

July 24: Contemporary Book Group - 7 pm

July 26: Game Afternoon - 1 pm

Choose from Scrabble, Cribbage, Mahjong, and there is a variety of other games to play!

July 27: Lamprey River Nature Program - 11 am

Have fun learning about and exploring our local river! Suzanne Petersen from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee will share all sorts of interesting facts about the river, using games and real samples of aquatic insects and animals that live there. If the weather is nice, we'll take a walk down to the river access by the library and see what we can find ourselves! Please be sure children and adults wear sneakers or closed-toe sandals.

July 30: Race Car Drivers Visit - 2 pm

Come by the library this afternoon to meet some of the race car drivers from New England Dragway and see the incredible cars they drive, up close! You can even bring the cardboard box racecars you've built if you want to show off your skills!

August 3: Magic Show & End of Summer Reading Party–11am

Celebrate the end of another fun summer of reading with our favorite humorous magician, David Anderson! See what tricks he has up his sleeve (or in his magic hat) this time! Then we'll enjoy some treats!

August 7: Children's Yoga - 10:30 am

August 8: Knitting & Handiwork Group – 6:30 pm

August 11: Paws to Read - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

August 16: Great Gardens Lecture Series– 7 pm
Patty Laughlin of Lorax Landscaping gives the latest lecture in her series on gardening:

Bulbs – Selecting, Planting & Perpetuating.

August 20, 21: Writing Workshop with Layne Case

Young adults are welcome to sign up for a two-day workshop with local author and publisher Layne Case to work on an original piece of writing.

August 21: Children's Yoga - 10:30 am

August 21: Dusty Olde Mystery Group - 7 pm

August 23: Game Afternoon - 1 pm

August 28: Contemporary Book Group - 7 pm

Epping Parks and Recreation

Department News

Home of the "River Otters"

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

Cell Phone: 608-9487

Recreation Dept. Main Phone Number: 679-3006

or email at eppingrecreation@gmail.com.

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

If you need to reach the Department, please contact Nicole, Recreation Director via email at eppingrecreation@gmail.com or cell at 608-9487.

Now that Watson Academy is open again, we are getting back to business. The Epping Parks & Recreation Department has been busy at work, meeting with potential new instructors and staff to develop future programs and offerings at Watson for the town residents. For more information and to register, please contact the Recreation Department via e-mail at eppingrecreation@gmail.com or visit our website at www.EppingRecreation.org.

Please check out our website and our Facebook page for announcements and program updates.

Musical Theater Youth Summer Camp

The Epping Community Theater will present the first annual Musical Theater Youth Summer Camp from **August 20-24** from 8:30 to 12 noon daily. It will be held at the Epping Playhouse (formerly the

Leddy Center at 38 Ladds Lane in Epping). The cost will be \$135 a week.

Youth Programs

Before and After School Program

The Fall 2017 Before & After School Program Registration was available starting June 1, 2017.

To register, please download Registration Form and Participation Forms from left side of the Parks and Recreation website and mail. Space is limited and If we need to start a wait list, parents will be notified! Please email our Recreation Director, Nicole for further information. at epppingrecreation@gmail.com.

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 Before School Program operates on normal school days at the Epping Elementary School gym in the mornings for youth in grades K-7. 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 and play games in the gym. The youth are able to eat breakfast with the school breakfast program.

The After School Program gathers at the EES Library, then heads outside to the EES playgrounds during good weather days or walks down to Watson Academy for snack and homework time from 3:15-4:15 pm, during cold or bad weather days. The program then runs organized games and activities from 4:15 to 5:45 pm at Watson Academy and on scheduled days, uses the gym for PE related programming. The program operates from school dismissal until 5:45 pm. Children are grouped by grades: K-1, 2-3 and 4-7. This may vary slightly depending on space and child needs in each of the groups.

Grades K-7

6:45–8:35 am—Before School Program at Epping Elementary School Gym

3:15 – 5:45 pm – After School Program meets in

EES Library, goes to Playground and Watson Academy, with use of the EES Gym on scheduled days. Call Nicole for more information at 608-9487.

Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and Elementary School (offered by Epping ATA)

Karate Classes

Mondays and Thursdays (EMS Gym) 3:10 – 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 661-6635 or email her at diannadenapoli84@gmail.com. Generally.

ALL beginners receive a FREE Uniform.

Youth Ceramics Class

Day: Thursdays at Watson Academy

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per 3-week session

Sports Programs

If you are looking for beginning and advanced team sports-related programs for children ages 5+, please visit the Epping Youth Athletic Association (EYAA) website at www.eyaa.org for sports programs offered in Epping.

8th – 9th Grade CIT program

The program is back again this year. Students who like working with children and want to gain experience may apply to be a Counselor-In-Training. School year and summer positions are available and it's FREE! For an application, please contact the Rec. Dept.

Both the Application and two Reference Forms need to be returned to the Watson Academy or the Town Hall, 157 Main Street, for review. Without references (non-related), applications will not be accepted. CIT positions are limited! We will call all applicants in for an initial interview with the Recreation Director and Assistant Director. The CIT program is not a full summer, full week program. Each CIT will be given a schedule of days and hours they will be assigned to complete their volunteer time with us. Generally it is 2 consecutive weeks of camp. CIT's will ASSIST staff in running programs for kids, preparing materials for programs, helping with general clean up after programs and being role models for children participating in programs. Most CIT hours are completed on school grounds (no field trip hours). If a CIT shows exemplary skills in assisting children during on-grounds programs, we may

contact those parents to arrange for field trip volunteer hours.

Adult Programs

Please check our Facebook page for updates, including cancellations on all programs.

Adult Basketball

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

Day / Time: Sunday – 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: EMS Gym (Use EHS entrance)

Cost: \$3 per night – Please bring exact change.

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. Waiver forms will be available at the gym. You will not be allowed to play if we do not have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

Adult Ceramics Class

Day: Thursdays

Time: 9-11 am

Cost: \$2 for ceramic piece

Location: Watson Academy (Upstairs Blue classroom)

To register, contact the Epping Recreation Dept at epplingrecreation@gmail.com or stop by the program to speak with Barbara Young.

The Porch

Our goal is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to our community by building relationships, meeting physical and financial needs, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives.

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

- Running a youth center for teenagers

- Running a children's after-school program

- Giving financially to families who are in need

- Providing free family counseling

- Organizing various programs for teenagers to service others

Kids Club

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

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

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

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

Teen Central

Our Teen Central is geared for grades 6-12.

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

We also have computers, a TV, board games 2

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

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

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

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

Families First

support for families...health care for all

Epping Summer Morning Out: *Fridays - 9:30-11 am. (four Fridays July 20-August 10)* For children ages birth to six with parents or other caregivers. Children will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults and enjoy songs, stories and snack. Facilitator: Patricia Keck. Held at the SAU 14 Building, 213 Main Street, Epping. Cost: It's free! See you there! Advance sign-up not needed.

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

Exeter Family Morning Out *Thursdays - 9:30-11 am. (Except for July 12, August 30)* For children ages birth to six, with parents or other caregivers. Children will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snack. Facilitator: Patricia Keck. Held at Exeter Parks and Recreation (32 Court Street, Exeter). Cost: Free. Pre-registration not needed.

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

All parents and children are welcome at our Parenting Classes, Parent-Child Groups and Parent Groups. **Advance registration is needed for most programs and is always needed for childcare;** please go to and click on the Register for Family Programs button, or call 422-8208.

Epping Students in the News

Graduating from SUNY Potsdam

Katherine Fanning BA

Graduating from Baylor University in May, 2018

Tess Elizabeth Kucera MPH

Graduating from Keene State College in May 2018

Nathan Cameron BS

Cassidy Garrow BS

Marina McCartney BA

Jacob West BA

Graduating from the University of New Hampshire in May 2018

Taylor Barnes, BA

Aanielle Bennett, BS

Natalie Bilynsky, MS

Minette Cantrall, BS

Lauren Goulet, BS

Danielle Janos, BM Magna Cum Laude

Morgan King, MAT

Andrea Lawrence, MED

Tara Martel, BS

Amy Michaud, MPH

Timothy O'Brien, MBA

Kyle Pimentel, BS

Kelly Seaman, BA Cum Laude

Penny Watson, BS

Margaret Weaver, BS

Dean College announces President's List for Spring 2018

Hannah Gagnon

Southern New Hampshire University announces President's List for Spring 2018

Nicholas Arsenault

Bradley George

Morgan Pease

Southern New Hampshire University announces Dean's List for Spring 2018

Jackson Rivers

Rachel Stone

Emanuel College announces Dean's List for Spring 2018

Tina Le

Courtney Santos

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Dean's List for Spring 2018

Megan McCool

Northeastern University announces Dean's List for Spring 2018

Noah Dwyer

SUNY Canton recognizes earning Part-Time Honors for Spring 2018

Jacklyn A. Ulban

All-Star Sports Awards June 21st

The Seacoast Media Group put on the second annual Seacoast All-Star Sports Awards at the Music Hall in downtown Portsmouth on June 21st. It was an evening of champions and the featured speaker was Pedro Martinez, Hall of Fame pitching legend and former Red Sox pitching great. 265 student-athletes from 18 schools on the Seacoast were honored with nominations. They were the area's top high school athletes and several of our athletes from Epping sports were nominated.

Our nominees were:

For the 2016 Fall Sports Season:

Girls Soccer

Evelyn Carleton

Megan Marasca

Becky Milbury

Casey Needham

Football

Noah Armstrong

Jake Bisailon

Matt Lockard

For the Spring 2017 Sports Season

Softball

Laura Duguie

Eliza Kucera

Belle Snyder

Note: Gabe Mosca, Epping softball coach, won Girls Coach of the Year honors. "(My players) made my job easy," Mosca said, after leading the Blue Devils to an 18-1 record and the Division IV championship. "It all starts with good players, and I had great players, and a great group of girls."



School Board Meeting Schedule

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

July 5th and 12th

August 2nd and 16th

Epping Elementary School (EES)

EES School Calendar

JULY - AUGUST

July 4-6 – The school office will be closed.

July 9 – School office will reopen. Summer hours will be 8 am to 3 pm Tuesdays – Thursdays. The main office will be closed Mondays and Fridays.

July 17 –

August 9 – Extended Year Program is being offered in all academic areas on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8-11 am at Epping High School

July 17 –

August 9 – Title I Summer Program is offering individual or small group reading and math reinforcement to help children improve their reading math and computer skills. The program is being offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8-11 am at Epping High School.

SEPTEMBER

September 4 – First Day of School Celebration for students in Grades 1-5 from 8:20 - 9:30 am.

Parents are invited to join their children and our teachers and administrators on our first day of school. This celebration is an opportunity for parents to meet other parents, get to know the people who have a shared interest in your children's education, and learn some easy and effective ways to help them throughout the school year.

September 4 – Preschool Orientation – Teachers will be sending information home regarding the time your child is scheduled for this orientation.

September 5 – First Day of School for Preschool

September 5 – Kindergarten Orientation – Teachers will be sending information home regarding the time your child is scheduled for this orientation

September 6 – First Day of School for Kindergarten

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Epping Middle School has several wonderful end of year traditions that have been exciting for students, families and staff!

Courtyard Clean-up

Epping Boy Scout Troop 136 truly lives by the Boy Scout Law. Each and every one of the Scouts that came to Epping Middle School on a stifling hot Memorial Day Weekend day to work to make our school's courtyard beautiful are loyal and helpful to say the least. Scout Zach Hodgman coordinated this service project with the school. After a productive afternoon beautifying this common space the Troop made plans to continue this service project in coordination with the school each spring.



Thank you Scouts!

Grade 8 Dance on June 8, 2018.



We want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this experience beautiful and special for our 8th graders! Thelma Thompson and Susan Gualtieri established a new tradition involving the 7th grade students and parents in setting up and most importantly, deciding on a theme for the event! This year, our theme was "Night Under the Stars." We had beautiful weather and the courtyard was looking fabulous! The students looked fantastic, all dressed up! And so grown up!

Spring Music Concert *Thank you Mr. Ludwig!!*

On June 7th, the Epping Middle School Band, Jazz Band and Chorus performed their hearts out as this would be their last concert with their beloved band director, Mr. John Ludwig. It was a bittersweet evening full of show tunes and jazz standards. The Middle School will miss Mr. Ludwig and all that he has done for our school.



Spring Music Concert

Epping High School (EHS)



Congratulations to the Class of 2018

EHS Class of 2018 Top Ten

Rebecca Milbury, daughter of Erin and Matt Milbury is the valedictorian of the Class of 2018. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study business (Paul Scholar/Honors).

Keelin Berger, daughter of Aveen Kenny Berger and Jeffrey Berger is the salutatorian of the Class of 2018. She plans to attend Rensselaer

Polytechnic Institute to study environmental engineering.

Konrad Hodgman, son of Kristin and Robert Hodgman. He plans to attend Ashland University (Ohio) to study history and political science.

Evelyn Carleton, daughter of Nicole and Tom Carleton. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study in the College of Life Science & Agriculture, undeclared.

Katie Pelletier, daughter of Lynn and Dan Pelletier. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study earth sciences teaching.

Everett Brown Jr., son of Tara and Everett Brown. He plans to attend Great Bay Community College to study computer science.

Emma Coolidge, daughter of Catherine and Stephen Coolidge. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study exercise science.

Veronica Hackett, daughter of Camille and Michael Hackett. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study English.

Stephanie DiFrancesco, daughter of Linda and John DiFrancesco. She plans to attend the University of New England to study nursing.

Brendan Sacco, son of Jennifer and Dave Gray, Kenneth and Kristen Sacco. He plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to study music education.

Email Address Changed?

If your email address has changed, please notify Barbara Helmstetter at: bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

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 (**September-October, 2018**) of this newsletter will be available **September 1, 2018**. We will accept **submissions through August 25, 2018**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an email at bhelmstetter@comcast.net by **August 25, 2018**. Please include date, event name, location and time. Thanks for reading!

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Epping Calendar of Events for July 2018

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| July 2 | Make a Pet Rock at the Library – 2 pm |
| July 3, 17 | Children's Yoga at the Library – 4 pm |
| July 4 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| July 4 | Town Hall and Library closed for 4th of July Holiday |
| July 4-6 | EES School office closed; reopens July 9 |
| July 5 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| July 5 | No Soup of the Day Café until back September 6 |
| July 6 | SPCA Story time – 11 am |
| July 6-8 | NHRA Show at New England Dragway |
| July 7 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| July 8 | Epping Garden Club Meeting in front of Safety Complex – 9 am |
| July 8 | American Legion Post 51 Sunday Breakfast Buffet – 8-11 am |
| July 10 | Knitting and Handiwork Group at Library – 6:30 pm |
| July 10 | Birds of Prey with Jane Kelly at the Library – 6 pm |
| July 10 | Classics Book Group "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne – 7 pm |
| July 11 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| July 13 | Wild About Turtles by Mary Doane at the Library – 11 am (Please register in advance) |
| July 14 | Paws to Read at the Library – 10:30 am-12:30 pm |
| July 14 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| July 16 | Craft Afternoon at the Library: Instrument Building – 2 pm |
| July 17 | Dusty Olde Mystery Book Group Movie Night at the Library – 7 pm |
| July 17 | Library Board of Trustees – 7 pm |
| July 18 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| July 19 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| July 19 | Story time Picnic at the Library – 11 am |
| July 19-22 | Stratham Fair |
| July 20-Aug. 10 | Epping Summer Morning Out – 9:30-11:00 am |
| July 21 | Marjorie Senet & Old Time Dave Talmage Concert at the Library – 3 pm |
| July 21 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| July 24 | Contemporary Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| July 24 | Craft Afternoon at the Library: Cardboard Box Cars – 2 pm |
| July 24 | Epping Lions Club meeting at the Library – 6:30 pm |
| July 25-29 | North Haverhill Fair |
| July 25 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| July 26 | Game Afternoon at the Library – 1 pm |
| July 27 | Lamprey Rivers Nature Program at the Library – 11 am |
| July 28 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| July 28 | Boy Scout Court of Honor |
| July 30 | Race Car Drivers Visit at the Library – 2 pm |

Epping Calendar of Events for August 2018

| Date | Event |
|--------------------|--|
| August 1 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| August 2 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| August 2-5 | Belknap County 4-H Fair |
| August 3 | Magic Show and End of Summer Reading Party at the Library – 11 am |
| August 4 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| August 4 | Hedding Campground Fair – 10 am-2 pm |
| August 7, 21 | Children's Yoga at the Library – 4 pm |
| August 8 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| August 8 | Knitting and Handiwork Group at Library – 6:30 pm |
| August 9 | Epping Watson Academy Seniors – 1 pm |
| August 11 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| August 11 | Paws to Read at the Library – 10:30 am-12:30 pm |
| August 11-12 | Cornish Fair |
| August 12 | American Legion Post 51 Sunday breakfast – 8-11 am |
| August 15 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| August 16 | Epping School Board meeting in Epping Town Hall – 7 pm |
| August 16 | Great Gardens Lecture Series at the Library – 7 pm |
| August 17-19 | Lancaster Fair |
| August 18 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry– 8-10 am |
| August 18 | Town of Epping Fireworks at School Complex Fields – 9 pm |
| August 18 | Epping Community Theater "Launching Party" picnic at Watson Academy |
| August 19 | Rockingham County 4-H Circuit Horse Show |
| August 20-24 | Epping Community Theater Summer Camp – 8:30 am-noon |
| August 20, 21 | Writing Workshop with Layne Case at the Library - |
| August 21 | Dusty Olde Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| August 21 | Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 pm |
| August 22 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| August 23 | Game Afternoon at the Library – 1 pm |
| August 25 | Splash Dash at Schanda Park in Newmarket |
| August 25 | St. Joseph Parish Picnic – 5 pm |
| August 25 | Epping Community Church Food Pantry – 8-10 am |
| August 25 | DEADLINE DATE for the September-October issue of the Newsletter |
| August 28 | Contemporary Book Group at the Library – 7 pm |
| August 28 | Epping Lions Club meeting at the Library – 6:30 pm |
| August 29 | Providence Baptist Church Food Pantry – 10 am |
| August 30-Sept. 3 | Lancaster Fair |
| August 31-Sept. 3 | Hopkinton State Fair |
| September 1 | Lamprey River Eco-paddle at Schanda Park in Newmarket – noon-2:30 pm |
| September 4 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL |
| September 5 | First Day of School for Preschool (Orientation September 4) |
| September 6 | First Day of School for Kindergarten (Orientation September 5) |

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send an email to bhelmstetter@comcast.net by August 25, 2018. Please include the date, event name, location and time.