

PITTSFIELD POST

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"Another fall, another turned page..." *Wallace Stegner*



Local 4H Group to Hold Their First Meeting of the Season

Save the date....Victory Workers 4H Club will have their first meeting of the 2020-2021 year on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4pm. In order to comply with the NH Cooperative Extension Covid-19 guidelines, it'll be a drop in/drive through type meeting at the Pittsfield Elementary School parking lot/bus loop. Families are asked to stay in their vehicles as they drive through the lot and stop at the multiple stations to learn about a variety of activities that our club offers.

4H is available to all children ages 8-18. There is also a younger "Cloverbuds" group geared toward ages 5-7.

For more information, check out our Facebook page or call Melissa Babcock at (603)496-3928



NH Public Education Funding Candidate Forum Merrimack County NH House of Representatives and NH Senate

We know we are potentially adding a lot to your calendar these days, but an event that you really do NOT want to miss is the upcoming virtual regional forum on school funding.

On October 6 at 7pm the New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project will bring together members of the public and candidates for the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate. The forum will provide a venue for you to hear from aspiring policymakers about their views on school funding and for you and your fellow citizens to express your concerns about the disparities in educational opportunity and property taxes that exist in New Hampshire today.

To take part, simply click on the link below, or go to fairfundingnh.org and then complete our short registration form.

October 6 [Belknap, Merrimack, and Strafford Counties](#) The forum will be held via Zoom Webinar from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. NH School Funding Fairness Project

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Purchase of Town Property hearing #2

The Board of Selectmen will hold the second public hearings to accept comment on the proposed purchase of land, in accordance with RSA 41:14-a, a statute, which gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to acquire and sell land and buildings through a public hearing process, that was adopted by Town Meeting on March 17, 2007.

The parcel being considered for purchase is 36 Main Street, tax map U3, lot 83.

The second public hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the Town Office, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

Town Crier Andi Riel, 435-6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Monday, October 5, 7:30PM The next meeting of the American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 will be held at the Pittsfield Town Hall. Social distancing will be required.

Tuesday October 6, 9-11am Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, through the First Congregational Church. We ask that you please call 435-7471 when you arrive in the parking lot. Clients will not be able to enter the Church at this time. Weather permitting, we will place your diapers and wipes in a bag with your name attached and place it on a table in the parking lot. If weather is not permitting, we will bring the product to you. Please use the parking lot off Chestnut Street.

October 16, Friday, 10am-12pm, Senior Center Flu Shot Clinic by the Concord Visiting Nurse Association. Ages 3 and older; appointments are required. For more information call 224-4093, ext.5815.

October 17, 2020, 12pm-4pm Free sugar pumpkins available at the FB Argue Recreation Area. Pick up a pumpkin or two to carve and bring back to the area the following weekend. Your parks and recreation members will light the jack-o-lanterns the week before Halloween.

Senior Center News— things are starting to open slowly. Here are a few things that are happening: Activity Packet - The center is putting together senior activity packets. If you would like to make a donation such as word finds, crosswords, Sudoku, or any other puzzle books would be greatly appreciated. Adult coloring books with coloring pencils would be great too. We also have books that we can give to people if they just enjoy reading. The activity packets will be free. If you are interested in receiving an activity packet then please call the center at 435-8482 and sign up for one. We are hoping to start handing or sending these out by the end of October.

We are also having a community chit-chat hour and then a meal will be sent home. The chit-chat hour will be for people who have reserved a spot to have coffee, sit, and talk. Then they will go home with a meal. Reservations and masks will be required. Space is limited. If interested please call the center at 435-8482. As of currently we will be doing this every other Thursday from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Senior Health Clinics are being scheduled at the Pittsfield Community Center on the **4th Monday of each month, 9am-3pm** – VNA Senior Health Clinic,

upstairs above the Senior Center. Please call 224-4093 ext 5815 to make an appointment.

The Pittsfield Food Pantry located at 55 Barnstead Road, near Joy Church, is available to anyone needing some help. Hours: Monday: 11am –2pm & 4pm–6pm; Thursday: 11am–2pm. If you would like more information, call 435-7300.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ben Davis on last Sunday and to Laurie Vien on Saturday. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

Double Word Puzzle #9 by Diana Westgate

1. More money _____ Elevate
2. Groom a horse _____ Indian dish
3. Slender _____ Decorate a tree
4. Vacation _____ Damage
5. Flour mixture _____ Money (sl.)
6. Remove dirt _____ Drug free
7. Paw part _____ Apartment (sl.)
8. Shop _____ Collect
9. Tied down _____ Short of cash (sl.)
10. Gardening tool _____ Libertine

The answers are on p. 3

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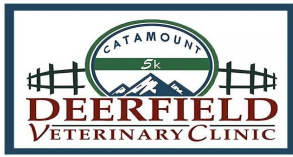
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CATAMOUNT WOMENAID'S FALL 5K GOES VIRTUAL

For the 6th year, Catamount Womenaid offers a fall 5k for all levels of runners or walkers. The 2020 DEERFIELD VETERINARY CLINIC CATAMOUNT 5k will be *virtual* and can be run any time between Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, November 1. This virtual race is an opportunity to improve physical and mental health in a safe way, while supporting Catamount Womenaid. A virtual race can be run or walked from any location you choose—alone or in teams or families. The only rule is that your race must be completed in a single run, just like an in-person race. You can track your race with a virtual fitness tracker or phone then submit your results.

To register, go to www.catamountwomenaid.org and find out how you can get a hat and swag bag!

Once registered, you will receive an email with all the information you need.

All proceeds will help people in Pittsfield, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood and Strafford who need emergency financial assistance.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Recipe Round-Up – Soups, Stews & Chilis

Beautiful Fall days are perfect weather for a hearty bowl of homemade deliciousness. We'd like to publish your favorites over the coming weeks. Please send your recipes to pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org Include your contact information in case we need to reach you. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

Answers to Double Word Puzzle #9

1. More money – **raise** – Elevate
2. Groom a horse – **curry** – Indian dish
3. Slender – **trim** – Decorate a tree
4. Vacation – **break** – Damage
5. Flour mixture – **dough** – Money (sl.)
6. Remove dirt – **clean** – Drug free
7. Paw part – **pad** – Apartment (sl.)
8. Shop – **store** – Collect
9. Tied down – **strapped** – Short of cash (sl.)

10. Gardening tool – rake – Libertine

Cook's Corner

Here's a fun "two-fer"! This soup is the easiest soup in the world to make. To keep it truly vegetarian, use vegetable broth but you can also use chicken broth. The taquitos are also healthy and a great side for this soup or just to have on standby, for a quick lunch bite or when the munchies hit while you're watching Netflix.



Serve the soup with sour cream, lime slices and either chopped cilantro or chopped scallions. Serve the taquitos with extra salsa for dipping and maybe some queso – you know what? Definitely queso for dipping, no 'maybe' about it. Enjoy!

Baked Chicken Taquitos

Cooking spray

12 (6 inch) corn tortillas

½ of a rotisserie chicken, or 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded

1 cup (or more) shredded Mexican cheese blend

¾ cup salsa verde or regular tomato-based salsa

Preheat the oven to 425F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray.

Wrap the tortillas in a damp paper towel and microwave for 30 seconds until warm and pliable.

Remove skin and bones from the chicken. Shred the chicken into a bowl. Stir the cheese into the chicken and add the salsa.

Spoon the chicken into the tortillas, roll tightly and place seam-side down on the baking sheet. Spray the tortillas with more cooking spray and bake for 20 minutes.

Black Bean Soup

2 (15 oz) cans black beans, drained & rinsed

1 ½ cups vegetable broth (or chicken broth)

1 cup chunky salsa (or fresh pico de gallo from the grocery store)

1 tsp ground cumin

Sour cream (for serving)

Cilantro, chopped (for serving)

Scallions, chopped (for serving)

Lime slices (for serving)

In a blender, combine beans, broth, salsa and cumin. Blend until smooth. Then heat the soup in a saucepan until hot.

Josiah Carpenter Library News

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The General Election is Tuesday November 3, 2020. If you are not registered, you can register at the town clerk's office. You may register election day at the polling place but expect to have a longer wait.

The Ballots will arrive soon. If you requested an absentee ballot for the General Election, yours will be sent out automatically. Once you have your ballot, vote as usual. Check how many candidates you vote for in each office. Follow the instructions regarding how to mark your selection. Use and fill out the affidavit (smaller) envelope, place the ballot in it, then place it inside the larger envelope you will return. Drop your ballot/envelope at the town clerk's office, make sure you hand it to someone or place it in a monitored box. Or you may hand deliver it to the polls on election day, or mail it in. Mail as soon as you can.

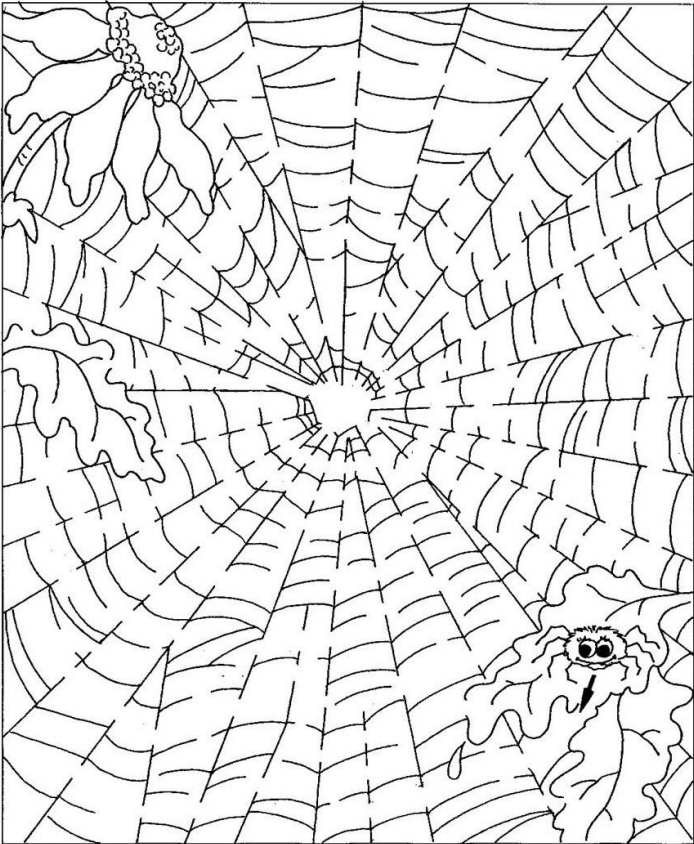
Voting by mail info: www.voteinnh.org or secretary of state's website: www.sos.nh.org. Hotline you can call for questions: 603-466-8683.

For voting in person questions, call the Pittsfield Town Clerk, 603-435-6773. Voting location this year is the PMHS Gymnasium. It will be open for voting from 7 AM – 7 PM. Have you made your voting plan? Do you have a ride, or do you need one? Can you give your neighbor a ride? Are you off work that day? Do you need to see about childcare? Does your polling location require masks? Better bring one just in case.
Miriam Cahill-Yeaton, Epsom

NEW! Writers Bags! It's Dinosaur time at the library! Come pick up a writer's bag with lots of fun activities and enjoy exploring and writing about dinosaurs. You can also pick out some books about dinosaurs to learn even more, and provide writing inspiration. There are bags for K-2nd grades and 2nd-5th grade. Of course, adults can also select a bag to have some fun. Every two weeks new writing themes and activities will be available. Visit the Library's Facebook page where a read aloud picture book about dinosaurs and a preschool dinosaur craft are posted.

Spider Web Maze

Can you find the path to the center of the spider's web?



To order Liz Ball's Hidden Treasures books (56 pages with 1,100-1,600 hidden items each), send \$6.95 (plus \$3.50 shpg.) to: Hidden Pictures, Box 1460, Cleveland, GA 30528 or order online at www.hiddenpicturepuzzles.com

Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Use family photos to tell different stories, and encourage family members to tell stories.

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Against His Will Part Twelve of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

Joseph drove with ease along the back roads of the small Vermont town. Jeannette listened to the soft tones off the instrumental CD playing. As was his office, Joseph's BMW was meticulous inside; as if he had it professionally detailed on a regular basis. She resisted an urge to do a finger swipe to test for dust on the dashboard.

Soon they arrived at the farm-to-table restaurant he had boasted about, and were seated outside under a pergola half-concealed with winding grape vines. Jeannette felt oddly out of place in her t-shirt and jeans, compared to Joseph's pristine office, snazzy car and pressed shirts.

"The steak tips are to die for," Joseph said from behind his menu. "But please, select whatever you want. You are my guest tonight."

Jeannette felt the warm evening sun on her back and a slight breeze tickled the strands of loose hair that had fallen from her make-shift up-do. Behind the restaurant was an apple orchard, and the faint perfume of sweet blossoms came to her. She almost forgot why she was here, and the fact that she had caught her boyfriend, Trace Hunter, walking hand-in-hand with the new police receptionist just a few days before. That she had been attacked and injected with something and woke up in her apartment the next day. That one of Liz's lollipop sticks was found on her windowsill. That Mrs. Clough remained an enigma, a sweet old lady with a dark secret.

She took a sip of the wine that he had ordered for her, to wash down all her negative thoughts.

Joseph laid down his menu and folded his fingers on the table before him,

"This must be very arduous for you," he stated.

Jeannette squinted, not sure of what he meant.

"The Parson family," he took up her cue. "We're an odd lot, at odd ends. It seems that any one of us could be quite capable, and guilty, of harming our old man."

He smiled at her with his mouth. His eyes remained locked on hers.

"So tell me," he said. "What is your theory on how old man Parson died, and why?"

"Well, I..." Jeannette began. She felt suddenly trapped and put on the spot by his direct questions and his unflinching eyes.

"I would assume that whoever would benefit the most from the New Will would be highly suspect," she offered up.

Joseph's smile never broke.

"Ah. Good observation. According to the Old Will, my eldest brother, Charles Edwin Parson, would have been the primary inheritor. Naturally, he was father's namesake and most obedient soldier."

"I see."

"So why change that so suddenly? Did he remain the principal recipient of my father's estate in the revised Will?"

Jeannette took another sip of her wine and felt the warmth of fermented grapes ease down her clenched throat.

"That certainly is a consideration," she stated. Was he trying to figure out how much she knew? Or was he trying to tell her something?

"Sometimes," Joseph continued, "it's not always a motive to be the one with the most to gain. Quite the opposite. I would also prefer to think that crimes occur because the perpetrator has everything to lose."

Jeannette went to nod, but felt her world tilting to one side. A ringing started in her ears, and the taste of metal coated her tongue. She tried to focus on Joseph to steady herself. Her limbs felt heavy and dull.

Before she fell to her side, her eyes fell upon the bottle of wine he had ordered. She recognized the bottle immediately: the Parson Mendez signature label. Joseph had not touched his wine.

Her vision started to fade to black, enclosing Joseph's mechanical smile that made her think of the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland.

MIRIAM CAHILL-YEATON

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