

# PITTSFIELD POST

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Can you find the hidden  ? (There are four.)

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**"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain"** *Angela Lansbury*



## Bringing Smiles to Pittsfield for Over 30 Years

Everyone has a favorite one, right? Mine is the strawberry ice cream cone – with a plop of ice cream dripping off the side. What's your favorite?

Daniel and Sabra Welch have been enchanting Pittsfield residents and visitors for years with their whimsical barn art. Originally from Connecticut, Daniel graduated from the US Naval Academy and served as a helicopter pilot. Sabra is from Massachusetts, received her nursing degree in Boston, completed graduate studies at the College of William & Mary and also joined the Navy. They met in Norfolk, Virginia while both were active duty and served together at several naval stations, including a 3 year tour in Spain. In 1987, as they were preparing to retire from active service, while visiting NH they saw the Drake house on Main Street was for sale and bought it.

Not long after moving to Pittsfield, Daniel and a friend decided to make decorative wooden Christmas trees for the St. Stephen's Holiday Fair. Using some of the leftover wood, he made a larger scale version of the tree and hung it in the barn window. When he took the tree down after the holiday season, friends and neighbors commented how much they enjoyed seeing the artwork. He decided to make a Valentine's heart for the window; and then St. Patrick's Day was on the horizon so he made a shamrock – and the rest is history. Sabra serves as the creative consultant and together they have barn art for every month, plus a few extra ones including: a slice of pie and the Pi symbol for March 14, and a Fibonacci sequence for April, "Math Month". The pieces are made of either wood or cardboard and are hung with fishing line. On those rare days when the barn window is closed, Daniel painted Kilroy on the back of the door, to keep watch over the town.

Throughout the years, Daniel also made nutcrackers that were sold through the New Hampshire League of Craftsmen; and, at one time, he worked with a friend in Canterbury making Shaker-style boxes.

Plan to walk or drive by the house soon to see the newest addition to the series. Daniel and Sabra made a teddy bear holding the pot o' gold and rainbow (from St. Patrick's Day), in support of our current teddy bear & rainbow campaign for the kids.

Daniel and Sabra, thank you for your devotion to Pittsfield and for bringing smiles and joy to our community!

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**Do you have any hand sanitizer?** The Pittsfield Police Department is in need of additional sanitizer. If you have some to spare, please bring it to the Department and leave it outside the back door.

**A Call to All Veterans** Show the people of Pittsfield your pride and participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 30, 2020. Contact Selectman LeDuc at 603-470-6942/603-435-8770.

**PHS All Class Reunion is being planned for July 2020**

We are looking for ONE member from each Class to act as the Key Contact person – to contact their own classmates and inform them about the reunion. If  interested, please contact Andi Riel.

**The Pittsfield Historical Society** continues to raise funds for the new museum. A commemorative garden using the “BUY-A-BRICK” project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present. The bricks will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters. Please visit [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) for a donation form and instructions or call 798-3984.

**Finished reading your library books?** The book drop is open for the return of borrowed materials (please do not make a special trip to town). The library staff will enjoy visiting with folks when the library reopens.

**PES PTO Scholastic Book Fair** An online Scholastic Fair lasts through April 14th. All “book only” purchases over \$25 will qualify for free shipping to your home. Purchases under \$25 or non-book items will be charged the regular shipping fee. Visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/pittsfieldelementaryschool>. PES PTO has some tote bags they were planning to distribute during the regular Spring Fair that they still want to offer FREE to anyone who purchases during this online fair! Families need to email a copy of their order to [pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org) to have a bag set aside (please add your child’s homeroom teacher’s name in the email to be sure the tote gets to you).

**Happy Birthday** to Judy Webber on Monday, and to my sister Robin Grainger Blais on Friday. I hope you both enjoy your special day!

**Dear neighbors and friends,**

When I drive down Water Street, from Route 28 to Main Street, I am always enthralled by the water of the Suncook River spilling over the dam, raging its way downstream, under Main Street, and beyond. After its 35 mile journey, and shortly before emptying into the Merrimack River at Suncook Village, the Suncook River drops 70 feet over a distance of ½ mile. I can only imagine the power and momentum that water attains.

The other day, coming home from an appointment, I couldn’t help but think how similarly the COVID-19 virus is continuing to pick up momentum as it rages through the world population. It is natural for us to feel the emotions of fear and anxiety when confronted by the unknown. We are a world in crisis and when faced with a crisis any assumptions we have that the world is safe, fair, and just are completely shattered. We come to realize how frail, vulnerable, and small we are. Even so, if past crises have taught us anything it is that we are a people who have always risen above adversity.

When confronted with the American War of Independence, the Civil War, the Pandemic of 1918, The Great Depression, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the battles of World War II, the terrorist attacks of 9-11, the Boston Marathon bombings, and so many other threats the American spirit of faith, hope, and perseverance kicked in. As a minister, I believe that spirit is God-ordained – in God we trust and we remain one nation under God. Whether you agree with me or not, I think you will concur there is something special about the American Spirit that, when faced with adversity, has always risen to the challenge.

We are certainly in troubled water right now but, once again, we are seeing the American spirit rise to the occasion. Yes, there is still fear, uncertainty, pain, suffering, and grief as there has been with all past crises but we can see the tireless dedication, selflessness, generosity, courage, compassion, creativeness, and spirituality taking charge and serving as the bridge over troubled water. Remember that song by Simon and Garfunkel? *“When you're weary, feeling small, When tears are in your eyes, I'll dry them all (all) I'm on your side, oh, when times get rough... I'll take your part When darkness comes, And pain is all around, Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down.”* Be safe, stay strong, remember the bridge and God Bless America. David Stasiak

## Easter Spot The Difference Puzzle

Carefully look at the two images and try to find all 11 differences. Can you spot them all?



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## Squigly's Secret Easter Code

### Directions

Each letter of the alphabet has a corresponding symbol. To decipher Squigly's secret message, simply match up the symbol to the correct letter. Have fun. Why not send a coded message to a friend?

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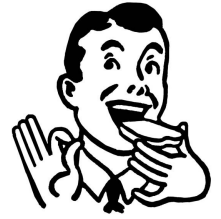
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## Cook's Corner Carrot Cake Cupcakes !!!!



- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp ground allspice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 & 1/2 cups shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/4 cup shredded coconut

Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare a 12 cup muffin tin with either paper muffin cups or grease & flour the muffin wells.

In a bowl, combine the sugar, vegetable oil, orange juice, vanilla extract and the 2 eggs. Stir in the baking powder, baking soda, allspice and salt. Then add the flour (all of it), mix to combine. Stir in the carrots, walnuts and coconut.

Transfer the batter to the muffin tin, filling each cup about 3/4 full. Bake in the oven for 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Let the cupcakes cool before frosting with cream cheese frosting. You can add some extra coconut to the tops after you frost them.

If you secretly love and crave carrot cake (and who doesn't?) these are for you my friend! You can certainly serve these for dessert, but you totally have permission to eat one of these packets of joy for breakfast.



## New Hours PYW Food Pantry

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop Food Pantry will be open on **Thursdays from 12-3pm** for the next few weeks. As always, if you have any special requests, please feel free to reach out ahead of time. Take care

and stay safe - Zach & Paula



## Feel a Little Overwhelmed?

Do you just feel like talking to someone, but don't want to burden family and friends? NH Cornerbridge peer support for Concord/Lakes Region runs a *Warmline* call-in program every evening. The *Warmline* is a free, confidential, non-medical, non-judgemental peer support service. Trained peer operators are ready to talk about a wide range of issues including loneliness, sorting out difficult situations, sadness, uncomfortable or intense emotions, and social isolation. But *Warmline* is not a suicide hot-line. For supportive conversation, *Warmline* is available evenings from 5pm to 10pm. Please call 1-800-306-4334, 7 days a week including all holidays.

## Red Cross Needs Blood Donors and Volunteers

COVID-19 has temporarily disrupted normal life in many communities, but the need for blood hasn't changed. The American Red Cross has implemented several enhanced blood donations protocols in the interest of safety, and there is an urgent and critical need for volunteers to support these protocols.

A new volunteer opportunity, Blood Donor Screener, will help pre-screen blood donors entering drives or donation centers. When considering volunteering, please review the risk guidance provided by the CDC and your healthcare provider.

Please take a moment to sign up at [www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html) Please also consider donating blood as we are facing a severe blood shortage due to unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. You can make an appointment to give blood or platelets at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Questions? Reach out @ [Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org](mailto:Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org)



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Secret Code: Happy Easter egg hunting.



## Advertising and Sending News to the Post

Do you have an interesting story to tell? Are you a member of a community group that has news to share? Send us your news by noon on Friday.

[pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) 

Due to frequent requests for the Post to include advertisements, the *Post* accepts ads. The cost ranges from \$80.00 for a full page, to \$3.00 for a brief classified ad. Full guidelines and order forms are located at [www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org](http://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org)

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