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"Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting for spring to rise and walk." *Marge Piercy*

April 13, 2022



Colored Easter Eggs – Armenian Style

Here's an interesting Easter tradition shared by our good friend Marty (Kazanjian) Brennan. Marty's father was Armenian Orthodox and she has fond memories of dying the eggs and playing the 'cracking' game every Easter.

The history behind this tradition: Following the crucifixion on Good Friday, Jesus was wrapped in a white shroud and placed inside a rock-hewn tomb. The front of the tomb was sealed with a heavy stone, and because it was the Sabbath, the disciples were not able to embalm the body properly. Early on Sunday morning, women came out to the tomb hoping to complete the burial, but they were astonished to see that the stone in front of the tomb had been cracked open. When they entered the tomb, they saw the emptied shroud, and were told by the angels that Jesus was not there. He is risen.

Armenians, along with most of the Orthodox cultures, commemorate the miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus, by re-enacting the discovery of the emptied tomb on that first Easter. Red onion skins are traditionally used to dye boiled eggs a rich red color (signifying the blood of Christ). The exterior of the hard-boiled egg represents the tomb which contained the crucified Body of Christ. Holding the egg in the right hand, one greets another saying, "Christ is risen from the dead!" and the other

answers, "Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!" Then, one person strikes the top of the other person's egg to re-create the sound of that "crack" which opened the tomb. The shell is removed, *Continued on page 7*

A Joyous 96th Birthday for Ethel Cochrane

Ethel St.Laurent Cochrane, sister to Leon Miller, just turned 96. She enjoyed celebrating with family, friends and neighbors from Rolling Green Apartments.

Surprise guests were Pittsfield Police Chief Joseph Collins and Sandra Adams representing the Pittsfield School Board. Sandra presented Ethel her long overdue Pittsfield Grammar School diploma dated June, 1940.

Ethel wishes to thank everyone for making her birthday very special. *Corine Miller*

Growing Up In Pittsfield Easter

When I was a kid, everyone went to church. Well, at least it seemed like that. All my friends went to church on Sundays, and special Holy Days. It was just something that seemed perfectly normal, like going to school. I don't ever remember not going to church on Sundays.

My family went to the Second Advent Christian Church. My Nana, Bessie Adams, went to church twice on Sundays and once in the middle of the week. Nana taught us not to go to the movies or play cards on Sundays, the Lord's day. Nana always wore dresses but when she went to church, she wore her Sunday clothes, in fact, we all did. To this day, I can't seem to wear slacks to church on Sunday. Easter Sunday meant new outfits for everyone. Nana wore a hat to church every Sunday, but I only remember wearing a hat for Easter Sunday. And every year it was a new hat.

Did you know that Pittsfield once had a millinery shop? Going up Factory Hill , it was the first building after the tannery on the right. I don't remember ever going in to the shop but it was there. By the time I was buying my own hats, the millinery shop was long gone. *continued on pg* 6

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346 pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold a special Maundy Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, will be held Thursday, April 14, 7pm. On Easter Sunday, April 17, 7:30am, the customary Sunrise Service will be held with breakfast immediately following in the church vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10am with special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. Come and worship at either service and join us for breakfast! Parking and wheelchair access is at the rear of the church on Chestnut Street. For more information call the church office at 603 435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak.

PMHS students are planning to hold the ever-popular Empty Bowls fundraiser on Thursday, May 19, from 5-7pm in the PMHS cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. We will also be hosting a community pottery workshop day on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30am-12:30pm for community members to make and decorate bowls to be sold at the Empty Bowls dinner. Please consider joining us in the PMHS art room to design a bowl!

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation is looking for volunteers who would be interested in being considered for the Board of Directors and Advisory Board. PCDC is a nonprofit corporation that runs and operates the Pittsfield Community Center. The board is hoping to find more people interested in helping to keep the Community Center thriving in the future. If you are interested in these positions or would like more information, please contact us by phone, mail, or email. Phone number: 603-435-6729 or 603-290-4068 Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org or Mail: PCDC PO Box 253 Pittsfield, NH 03263

The Josiah Carpenter Library will be placing a Bulk order of "The Fun Pass" (over 90 discounts to your favorite NE Family attractions- including museums). Books are \$35 each. Cash or Check (payable to Town of Pittsfield) accepted. The deadline for orders is May 5. Please stop in at the Library to purchase one.

The current Library Walk is the humorous tale, The Prince's Tooth is Loose, by R.W. Alley. The Prince has a loose tooth and the whole kingdom springs into action to help him! Book pages are mounted in 12 windows throughout the downtown Pittsfield area. Tie up your walking shoes, grab a water bottle, and enjoy a walk through our beautiful little town while reading this fun story. Families may pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

Please consider sending cards of encouragement to Sailors and Marines on the USS Green Bay. A local family has a son serving on the ship and says they are all struggling right now. It would be great to get some mail! Please send your cards to Walter Parelius, 25 Amherst Dr., Center Barnstead NH 03225. He and his family will collect the cards and will send them to the troops.

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is inviting local organizations to participate in the Balloon Rally. If your group has an event, activity, project, fundraiser that you want to do at Balloon Rally, please contact Fallon Reed at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com

Pittsfield Youth Workshop youth are still collecting donations for Old Dogs Go to Helen! This nonprofit supports abandoned senior dogs, so that they can spend their final years living their best life thanks to proper medical care and loving homes. Donations we are looking for include, but are not limited to: blankets, towels, paper towels, dog beds, toys, treats, leashes & collars. Lightly loved items are appreciated and accepted! There is a main collection box at PYW to drop off donations. Follow us on Facebook @ The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) to stay up to date with our progress and to find out where additional drop off locations are located. Thank you for your support!

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop has Drop In hours from 3-6pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri and from 1-6pm on Wed. this week. Lots of fun activities happeningPlease contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at <u>info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org</u>or 435-8272 for more information.

The Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Dept.is recruiting for:

Middle School Girls Softball – Head Coach Middle School Boys Baseball – Head Coach Previous experience playing and or coaching is preferred but not required. All interested applicants should contact Jay Darrah, Director of Athletics, at jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org. Send a letter of interest, resume and references to: Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida St, Pittsfield, NH 03263

Tuesday, April 19, 9-11am: First Congregational Church Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry. Please use the parking lot entry off of Chestnut Street. The pantry will be accepting donations of diapers and wipes. For information call 435-7471. **Town of Pittsfield** - Volunteers wanted for Committee and Commission Vacancies. If interested, please fill out the Volunteer application (available online or at the town hall). Please return completed application to the Selectmen's Office by e-mail:

btheriault@pittsfieldnh.gov mail, drop box or in person. Volunteers needed for: Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Program Committee, Community Development Committee, Conservation Commission, Old Home Day Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Board – alternate positions and Zoning Board of Adjustment

Fun IN the Sun! The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for lifeguards this summer. To receive lifeguard certification, you must be 15 years old, but to lifeguard for the Town of Pittsfield you must be 16. The town reimburses 75% of the cost of your training if you work for us for two summers. Swim New Hampshire and the YMCA both offer courses. If you are looking for a fun outside summer job, are a strong swimmer, and enjoy working with children and adults, you might want to find a lifeguard training course and watch for the job posting coming soon in the Pittsfield Post.

SAVE THE DATE.....Pittsfield Old Home Day is Sat, July 23. The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". Plans are underway and more information will follow! We are hoping Groups, Organizations, and Businesses will consider entering a Float for the parade!

Pittsfield School - Spring Athletics Update: Softball practices will be moving to Tilton Hill. Baseball practices will be moving to Drake Field. Practices could be adjusted back to indoors at PMHS if we receive any type of wet weather. Please keep an eye on:<u>www.PMHSPanthers.org</u> for adjustments. The following are going to be the time slots for practices: MSG Softball -3:00-4:30 @ Tilton Hill, VG Softball - 5:00-7:00 @ Tilton Hill, MSB Baseball - 5:30-7:00 @ Drake Field, and VB Baseball - 4:00-6:00 @ Drake Field

Save the date for comments and feedback on the School District's Vision of the Learner. Saturday, May 14, from 10 am to noon in the PMHS media center. The Vision of the Learner will be available on the district website and paper copies will be available in both the PES and PMHS offices. We hope to see you there.

Happy Birthday wishes to my Sister, Robin Grainger Blais. I hope you enjoy your special day!

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, my committee met to hear some Senate bills. SB 223 allows recovery houses to be exempted from some requirements if they provide only 50 square feet per person in a bedroom, rather than 200 sq. ft in the whole house. We discussed this at some length, learning that this is actually a reduction in capacity, and the national standard for recovery houses and dorm rooms. SB 398, building code and fire code enforcement, reconstitutes a moribund committee as the legislative liaison to the building code review board and the fire control board. This should smooth future adoptions of code updates.

SB 460 simply updated job titles or pay grades for some unclassified (supervisory) positions, and we confirmed that it didn't mean anyone got an immediate raise, or the state would spend more money on personnel. SB 356, on medical benefits payments by state retirees, also had no fiscal impact: it simply realigned some procedures to agree with federal, so that the state's health plan would be subsidized as a Medicare Advantage plan. If anything, it will save the state from sending certified letters any time someone pays even a day late! All these bills were recommended to pass.

SB 397, on the other hand, was a very complex bill that went to subcommittee. It adopts the interstate compact on mental health counseling, similar to other compacts we've considered, but it also updates the interstate compact on the placement of children! We've been in that compact since 1965, and it needs some updates.

Anyone interested can email me for my weekly newsletter, with all the details! Representative Carol McGuire mcguire4house@gmail.com 782-4918

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Cook's Corner

Two Sides for Easter Dinner

Whether you're doing a traditional ham for your Easter celebration or roasted chicken, turkey or lamb, here are two

vegetable sides that are easy to make and certain to please. Even the Littles will love the Vegetable Gratin, our two grandsons call this 'Cheesey Veggie', it's one of their favorites. The Glazed Carrots are so delicious and doing them in the slow cooker makes getting the big meal on the table so much easier. Bon appetit!

Glazed Carrots (Slow Cooker)

3 lbs carrots, cut diagonally into ¼ inch slices, about 6 cups

¹/₄ cup water

2 tsp Kosher, coarse or sea salt

- ¹/₂ cup orange marmalade
- 2 TBSP butter, melted
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh sage

1/2 tsp Dijon mustard

¹⁄₄ tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Place carrots in slow cooker bowl, add water and salt. Cover and cook on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. Transfer carrots to a colander and drain well. Return carrots to slow cooker bowl.

Meanwhile, stir together marmalade, melted butter, sage, Dijon and red pepper flakes in a medium bowl. Pour marmalade mixture over the carrots, using a rubber spatula, gently stir to combine until they are evenly coated with the sauce.

Vegetable Gratin

- 2 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 2 cups fresh cauliflower florets
- 2 cups fresh carrot strip, thinly sliced
- 2 cups fresh zucchini sliced
- ³⁄₄ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- ¹/₂ cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 scallions, sliced
- 2 TBSP Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

3 TBSP seasoned Panko breadcrumbs Heat oven to 350. Microwave the fresh vegetables on high for about 8 minutes; drain well. Arrange the cooked vegetables in a 9x13 baking dish, coated with cooking spray.

Mix together the mayonnaise Cheddar, Parmesan, scallions, Dijon and cayenne. Stir to combine.

Spoon the sauce over the vegetables. Sprinkle the top with the Panko breadcrumbs (and a little more Parmesan, if desired). Bake, uncovered, for 25 minutes, until golden brown. *MP Christakos*

Deviled Eggs

12 eggs Mayonnaise Mustard Paprika Fresh chopped chives

Make the hard boiled eggs. Once cooled & peeled, cut the eggs in half and scoop out the cooked yolk into a bowl. Add some mayonnaise and a few dabs of mustard (not too much), stir well. Spoon the yolk mixture back into the halved egg whites and top with a sprinkle of paprika and fresh chopped chives. ENJOY! Jean Cram



Guidelines

Poems should focus on "Spring" and be no more than 100 words.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Ages 10-19, 20-49, and 50+

Pittsfield Post volunteers will judge submissions. Winning poems will be published in the *Pittsfield Post* on April 27. Winners also receive the following prizes from the Chichester Country Store:

1st Place: 1 Dozen Donuts

2nd Place: 1/2 Dozen Donuts

3rd Place: 2 Donuts and a Coffee or Hot Chocolate

Submissions must be received by April 20, 2022.

Please send submissions marked as "Poetry Contest" to the *Pittsfield Post*. Include your name, address, phone number, and age. Entries may be mailed to: The Pittsfield Post, PO Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Or email your entry (with same information) to: Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions you would like to share?

Submission Guidelines

- Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.
- Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is noon on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

The Post Volunteers

Shop LOCAL

Many of you are familiar with LOCAL, the lovely boutique on Rte 28 in the Mike's Meat Shoppe shopping area. But you may not be aware that it's recently under new ownership. In December, Anna Williams purchased the store from Sugar Connors. Ms. Connors was looking for a new owner and approached Ms. Williams, a life-long, accomplished crafter, and after careful consideration, Ms. Williams agreed to take over the shop.

In three short months, Ms. Williams and her family made a few renovations, some minor 'tweaks' here and there; and they have been actively focused on recruiting new vendors and craftspeople. They showcase work from 46 vendors, all of whom are truly local – Pittsfield, Barnstead, Alton and surrounding towns. The store serves up a wide range of homemade treasures including knitwear, stained glass, soaps, candles, essential oil, maple products, handmade chocolates, jewelry, ceramics, wood cutting boards, greeting cards as well as new baby items, toys, clothing and much more.



Ms. Williams shares that many of her vendors are open to making custom orders as well; and she continues to curate a fine selection of unique and special crafts. The inventory changes every week and the store smells amazing! Be sure to check out LOCAL soon for your special gift needs. *MP Christakos*



Saturday April 16, 2022

Meet at Drakes Field by the tennis courts

10:00 am

Easter Bonnet Parade, Egg Hunt, Take pictures with the Easter Bunny, Golden Egg Raffle

Come join the fun!

(The April 9.2022 hunt was canceled due to the rain)



The Morse Family on Easter Sunday

Easter Continued: We had new shoes too and sometimes got them at the 'beehive' where Maude Nutter sold shoes from her home, or at Montgomery's across the street from the First National Store, or from Barney's down on Depot Street. Women's and girl's dresses were available at Dustin's Dry Goods or Leone's Dress Shop on Elm Street. (If you found a dress that you loved at Leone's Dress Shop and either it was too big or you were too big, not to worry. Mrs. Hoover could work miracles to make the dress fit just right!) Men's and boys clothes were available at Barney's and Montgomery's. Mom enjoyed wearing the latest styles and loved shopping from the Spiegel's mail order catalog. My brother Art would get a fresh haircut from Leduc's adjacent to Dustin's Park, while I'd get my hair done at Isabell's Beauty Salon upstairs over Dustin's. It was an exciting time of the vear!

When I was in my teens, every Easter Clifton Cram would tell me of the time when I was very little and he had complimented me on my brand new

Easter outfit. I see you have a pretty new dress, hat and shoes, he said. 'Yes, and I've got new panties too' I said and lifted up my dress for him to see the new ruffled panties!

Some of my friends went to 'my' church, some went to the Episcopal Church, some to the Baptist Church, but most of my friends went to the Catholic Church. Pittsfield had a Christian Science Reading Room, too, but I didn't know of any of my friends that went there, ever. In my church, we had Lenten services but we weren't encouraged to give up something for Lent. All my Catholic friends did and, for some reason, I thought that was so cool, but not cool enough to do it myself! The Catholic women and girls always wore hats or beautiful mantillas in church.

In those days, Fridays were meat free for Catholics, and hot lunch program at school always observed that by serving fish or some other meat-free meal and we all accepted that. Some kids would come to school with the ashen cross on their forehead marking the beginning of Lent. On Good Friday we were released early and the Catholic kids went to their church for the Stations of the Cross.

All this truly fascinated me and sometimes I tagged along with my Catholic friends when they went to Catechism or to special services to learn more. I shared a bedroom with my mother until I was a Freshman in high school. My Mom told me once that, while still asleep, I sat up in my bed one night and said "They're all Catholic". Who is, she asked. "All the magnificent men in the world!" I said.

In my church on Easter Sunday all the youngsters said 'pieces' they had memorized, the older you were, the longer the piece. The choir sang special music and we all enjoyed singing 'He Lives' and all the other traditional hymns. The Easter service usually lasted longer than a regular Sunday, but no one ever complained about that.

Sometimes Mom would fix a ham with all the fixings but more than once I remember going to the Washington House restaurant for our Easter Dinner. After Artie got his license and Uncle Bing gave him a car, we would venture out to the big city of Concord.

Easter in Pittsfield when I was growing up was a very special day, and remains so for many. He lives! Indeed He lives! Happy Easter! *Margie Lank*

WORD SEARCH: EASTER -by Jean Cram

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Armenian Eggs Continured

revealing the egg white which symbolizes the burial shroud. When the egg white is removed, the yolk is revealed, symbolizing the golden joy of life and hope, the promise of the Resurrection.

The Recipe: Start gathering red onion skins now! The more skins you have, the more intense the color.

Remove eggs from the fridge about 20 minutes before cooking. Gently place eggs in a deep pot. Add enough water to come one inch above the eggs. Add the onion skins. Cook on high until the water comes to a boil.

Immediately remove the pot from the heat, cover. Allow the eggs to sit in the hot water for 15 minutes. Discard the onion skins.

Remove eggs from the hot water and place in a bowl of ice cold water for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove eggs from the ice bath, pat them dry and refrigerate until serving. MP Christakos

Classifieds

Pittsfield Community Center Function Rooms available for Rent Days, Nights, Weekends. Call 603 435-6729 for information

HELP WANTED Pittsfield Town Beach

Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is accepting applications for lifeguards, beach attendants, and gate keepers for the 2022 summer season at the Forrest B. Argue Recreational Area. Weekends are a must. Applications can be picked up at Town Hall, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263, or on the town website, www.pittsfieldnh.gov Deadline is Friday, April 29, 2022.

HELP WANTED Flower Gardener

Seeking the Talent and Energy of someone who will create a large flower garden at our house in Pittsfield.

This will involve assessment of the soil, drainage and sunlight available.

Also the ability to work with what is here, changing it as appropriate, to design and create an attractive result.

This request is directed toward individual gardeners as well as established commercial providers.

Please respond to Diana at 435-7700 or irondragon@myfairpoint.net

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Grow, Learn, Read Daily Activity

Josiah Carpenter Library

13 WRITING Make a dot painting with cotton swabs and paint to help develop fine motor skills.

Senior Center Update

We have some great news; we have hired a new coordinator for the center. So, starting in May, the center will be open for normal hours.

The new coordinator is Anne, and she brings a lot of experience to the table. There will be an activity meeting at the center on Monday, May 2, at 9:00 am. Please come and help plan activities! The meeting will last about an hour, and this is the chance to talk about what events and programs you would like to have at the center. Ideas are welcome but having a plan on how to accomplish that idea will be extremely helpful. Ideas can be easy to come up with, it is executing them that can be the difficult part. *Carol Schiferle*

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Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldpost.org

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