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"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life." - S. D. Gordon

April 5, 2023

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Postponed



The Pittsfield Recreation Commission has postponed the Annual Easter Egg Hunt until Saturday, Apiril 8, at 11am at Dustin Park. The Easter Bunny will be there to lead an Easter Bonnet parade. There will be a raffle for a golden egg, a guess-the-number of jelly beans contest, and three age categories for winners of the hunt.

Come down to Dustin Park and join the fun!

Select Board Review 03/28

Our first meeting since election day began with board organization: Carl Anderson, BoS Chair & Planning Board; Gerard Leduc, BoS Vice Chair; BCEP & CIP, Carole Richardson; Budget Committee, Jim Adams; Jim Allard, CDC, Foss Scholarship & Union negotiator.

The Library Trustees and select board continue to hammer away at several issues. Code Compliance Lacroix tested for lead paint and found it negative; basement floor issues with water infiltration and as yet undisturbed asbestos in one layer of the floor tiles; plugged sewer line under basement floor (temporarily remediated, long term plan discussed). The Trustees will be seeking bids for asbestos removal and foundation/drainage work for the water problem. Until the basement issues are cured that part of the library must remain closed to public use.

There was discussion about the town possibly joining "Community Power," a statewide energy purchasing coalition. We expect a representative will make a presentation to CDC for further consideration. In conjunction, further talks and proposals by solar energy providers were discussed. Trying to come up with viable electrical cost reductions has been primarily dedicated to the Community Development Committee which is actively searching for additional members. Anyone interested in helping Pittsfield's economic and business promotion (or for any volunteer position) is asked to reach out to Cara at the Town Hall for an application.

Interviews for a minute-taker will be scheduled with the two applicants. The following appointments were made: Adam Gauthier, Old Home Day Committee; Phylis Conway & Penny Eastman, Fire Dept. Support Group; Bruce Tibbets, hired as firefighter; Don Bolduc promoted from part-time police officer to full-time. Don will attend the full-time police academy this summer. Carl Anderson

Thank You For Your Support



The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group would like to thank everyone who came out for the Spaghetti Supper last month. We had a terrific turnout and we would like to thank everyone who donated to the silent auction. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gef Freese, \$250, which he graciously donated back to the Association. Thank you Gef! We also sold quite a few tee shirts and the supper was a huge success, serving more people than last year. Thank you all, we deeply appreciate your generosity and support. Laurie Houle

Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, email or call Andi Riel 603-435-6346.

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The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 7pm at Matt St.George's Garage on High Street.

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30pm at the Historical Society, Oak Street.

Senior Center - We are having so much fun with the exercise program, we would love for you to join us! There are no age limits, you do not have to be a senior, or even come here regularly. Men and women are both welcome. Stand or sit, there are no rules and there is no charge. We hope to see you here. All are welcome: Mondays & Thursdays 8:15-9am; Tuesdays 9:15-10am. We are now serving brunch every Wednesday at 10:30am. So come join friends, play games from 9-10:30 am and then have brunch. You can also just come in for brunch. This is a great way to break up the week.

Easter Pie Sale sponsored by the Dorcas Guild at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will be held Saturday, April 8, from 9am-noon. Pies are \$10 each. Please use the Chestnut St. parking lot and entrance.

Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd, will hold Good Friday services on Friday, April 7, at 6:30pm and Easter service will be on Sunday, April 9, at 9:30am, with an Easter egg hunt for the children.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will meet on Monday, April 10, at 7pm at the Community Center, lower level.

The Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30pm at the Community Center, lower level. New members are always welcome. Save the Date, Saturday, July 22, for Old Home Day, and the theme is "Red, White & Blue - It's All Up to You!" For more information, contact Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 22. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984, at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center, or there is a Zoom Meeting option. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person or helping in any other way, please contact us.

The Victory Workers 4-H Club's Spring Flower fundraiser has begun. Beautiful 10" hanging baskets (\$35) or 24" window boxes (\$40) are available to order in 6 different varieties. Please contact Mark Riel at 603-491-2524 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com to place an order.

Have you been looking for a way to get involved in our local community? **The Pittsfield Post i**s looking for you! In the three years since we began publishing this weekly newsletter, our operations have grown. Volunteers are involved in a range of activities including content development and creation, bookkeeping, desktop publishing, proofreading, distribution, advertising and fundraising. The time commitment is a few hours a month and we have an in-person meeting once a month. If you're interested in joining this fun group, please contact us at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and having you join the team.

The American Legion Pittsfield NH local Chapter 75 is looking for new members. If you have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or you are still serving active military duty honorably, you are eligible for membership with the American Legion. For local Chapter 75 to remain active in the community, the post needs to expand membership. Currently our roster is slightly above the minimum criteria for remaining an active post and we need to increase our membership roster in order to continue as a local post. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Birthday wishes to Kip Riel and Judy Webber on Thursday. I hope you both enjoy your special day!

Cooks Corner



Asparagus Casserole This is our second recipe for the Easter side-dish mini series. It's asparagus

season and this dish is sure to bring smiles. It pairs well with baked ham, roasted chicken or salmon; and will be a tasty addition to your Easter table. My best wishes to you and your family for a lovely and peaceful Easter. Bon appetit!

Asparagus Casserole

3 TBSP butter, divided

½ cup panko breadcrumbs, preferably whole wheat

3 lbs asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 TBSP finely minced garlic

2 TBSP flour

2 cups whole milk

5 ounces cream cheese

½ cup shredded Mozzarella cheese

1 tsp salt

Heat oven to 450. Put a large pot of water on to boil. Set a large bowl of ice water near the stove. Melt 1 TBSP butter in a small bowl in the microwave. Stir in panko and set aside. Cook asparagus in the boiling water until bright green, about 1 minute. Drain and transfer the asparagus to the ice bath. Let cool for 5 minutes, then drain and pat dry. Arrange the asparagus in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Heat the pot over medium high heat. Add the remaining 2 TBSP butter and stir until melted. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add flour and cook, stirring, for about 30 seconds. Gradually whisk in the milk. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Continue to cook, whisking, until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in cream cheese. Mozzarella and salt. Stir well to combine.

Pour the cheese sauce over the asparagus and stir well to coat and combine. Sprinkle the panko mixture over the asparagus. Bake until asparagus is tender, about 12 to 15 minutes.

Pittsfield Players latest show *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at the Scenic Theater was an absolute delight: great script, humor,



pathos and terrific acting. We are so lucky to have a great theater in our small town. Visit it often and tell all your friends!

Diana Westgate





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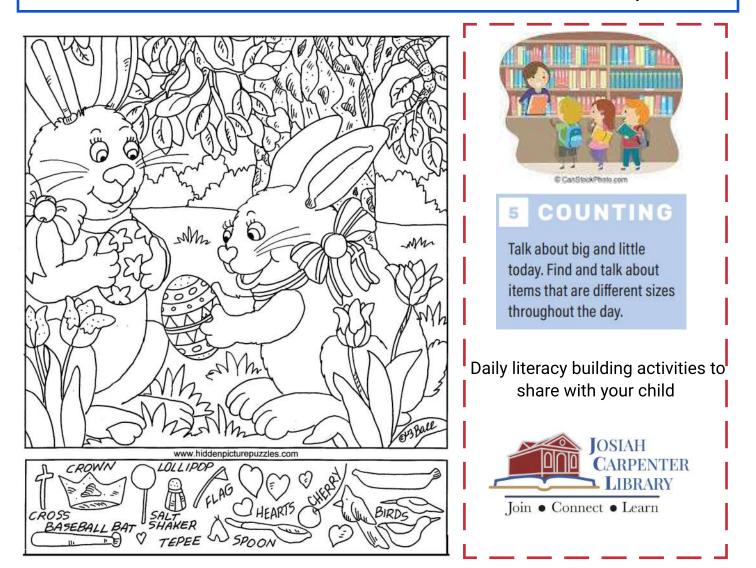
To Those Who Have Been Reading Kathy Holmes' Opinion Pieces Regarding Climate Change In The Post, I Offer The Following In Rebuttal:

HE THAT WILL NOT APPLY NEW REMEDIES MUST EXPECT NEW EVILS FOR TIME IS THE GREAT INNOVATOR.

Sir Francis Bacon 1561-1626

English Scientist and Philosopher

Submitted by Bill Miskoe



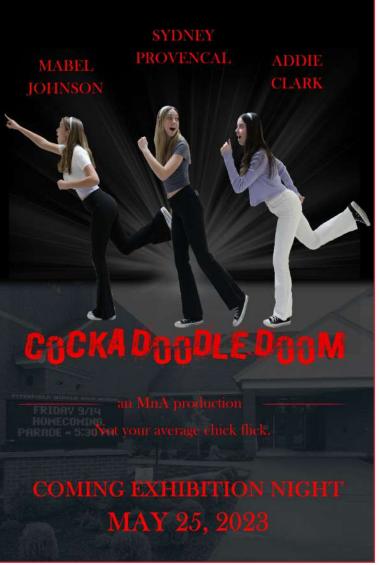
HELP WANTED

The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for lifeguards, beach attendants, and gatekeepers for the 2023 summer season at the Forrest B. Argue Recreational Area. The area will be open Mondays through Fridays. Reimbursements for certifications may be considered. Applications are available on the town website, www.pittsfieldnh.gov or can be picked up at the Town Hall at 85 Main St. Deadline is Thursday, April 27.



On March 28, the fourth graders from Chichester Central School visited the State House to better understand the function of the three branches of government and how the laws are made at local and state levels. Virginia Drew and her team from the State House Visitors Center did an incredible job overseeing the tour, making the regional representatives - Cyril, Sen. Howard Pearl & I, from the school's district part of the lesson. The tour began with the Hall of Flags and its significance. The class learned how unique "The Granite State Way" is from the rest of the country. Next stop was Reps Hall, where the 400 lawmakers conduct business. Mrs. Drew proposed a bill/law for the class to consider, adding 10 min.each day to their favorite subjects - lunch, recess & extracurricular activities! Cyril and I were very impressed as students debated the bill on the floor, bringing up the ramifications of the bill. The bill failed. Senator Pearl led the tour of the senate chamber. He clarified that even if they passed the "extra-hour" bill, it would need to be passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor before it became law. The class had great questions for the senator and were very engaged. We ended the discussion with HB96, which proclaims May 3 to remember NH's Old Man of the Mountain. This bill passed the house last week. The last stop was the Governor's office. Governor Sununu was not in, but nothing is better than sitting in his chair at the head of the executive table. Some of the smirks were priceless. Howard, Cyril, and I thank the CCS teachers and students for giving us a day at the State House that we will remember. They were well prepared, had great questions, and we are sure that there are some future legislators that we met in the 4th grade.

We are looking forward to meeting with the fourth graders from Pittsfield Elementary School when they tour. Sincerely, Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures





On behalf of the Capital Region Food Program, **THANK YOU** to all who helped to ensure a successful 2022 Holiday Voucher Pilot.

Your partnership and support in helping to extend this message is so greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Carleton, Trustee

Capital Region Food Program

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