

PITTSFIELD POST

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“We make a Living by what we get, but we make a Life by what we give” - Winston Churchill

**Ruth Strickhart
100th Birthday Celebration
Saturday February 29, 2-4pm**



On March 5, Ruth will accomplish a distinguished century of purposeful and generous living. Ruth has been an active volunteer and beloved citizen in our town for many years. Her generosity is so great, she was named Citizen of the Year in 2014. A community celebration will be held at the First Congregational Church on February 29, from 2-4pm. Use the Chestnut Street entrance which is handicap accessible. Drop in and wish Ruth a Happy Birthday!

Birthday cards only. In lieu of gifts, you may bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Pittsfield Food Pantry.

**Pittsfield Players Present
*Trifles***

February 28 & 29, March 1, 6 & 7

The Pittsfield Players will stage the One Act play, *Trifles*, written by Susan Glaspell and first performed in 1916 in Providence, Massachusetts. Directed by Meggin Dail and sponsored by The Iron Dragon Corporation, *Trifles* promises to surprise you with a bit of mystery and give you a little something to think about.

The play begins as the men, followed by the women, enter the Wrights' empty farm house. On command from the county attorney, Mr. Hale recounts his visit to the house the previous day, when he found Mrs. Wright behaving strangely and her husband upstairs with a rope around his neck, dead.

Jeannie LeGrow, recently "seen" as the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come in *Scrooge The Musical*, plays Mrs. Hale, Farmer Hale's wife and the Wright's next door neighbor. Coy McCarty, recently seen as Bob Cratchitt in *Scrooge The Musical* and Billy Bibbit in *Cuckoo's Nest*, plays Mr. Hale. Mrs. Peters, the Sheriff's wife, is played by Tyler Fish who is a wonderful new addition to The Pittsfield Players family. Sheriff Peters, portrayed by Kiefer Archambault, also of *Cuckoo's Nest* fame as Mr. Scanlon. Jeff Gregoire, experienced vet of The Pittsfield Players with too many talents to count, plays the County Attorney.

Jeannie, and the rest, do a fantastic job of bringing this small town murder mystery to life in *Trifles*. Coming to The Scenic Theatre, Home of The Pittsfield Players, 6 Depot Street, February 28 & 29 and March 6 & 7 at 7:30pm and March 1 at 2pm.

The play is suitable for all ages and is not more than one hour in length. Tickets are available for \$12 at the door, or by calling (603) 435-8852 for ticket reservations or via the TicketLeap link on The Pittsfield Players web page

www.pittsfieldplayers.com

PITTSFIELD TOWN CRIER

by Andi Riel, 435-6346

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Wednesday, February 26, 11-1pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The church will have "Ashes to Go." Meet Rev. Miriam Acevedo on the sidewalk for your ashes then enjoy some hot soup inside for a quick lunch to eat in or take out.

Wednesday, February 26, 7pm at the First Congregational Church

The beginning of Lent will be observed with an Ash Wednesday service.

Thursday, February 27, 6:30pm at the Community Center, lower level

The Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family group will meet. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Thursday, February 27, 7pm at Town Hall

The Conservation Commission will meet.

Monday, March 2, 6-6:30pm at Town Hall

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session to make corrections and register new voters for Town Election Day on March 10th.

Tuesday, March 3, 9-11am at the First Congregational Church

The Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry will be open. Young families are given supplemental diapers and wipes. Everyone is welcome. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. Monetary and product contributions are always welcome. Please call the church at 435-7471 to arrange drop-off of donations.

Wednesday, March 4-25, 10:15-11:15am, at the Pittsfield Middle High School (PMHS) Library and Media Center

Each Wednesday the early childhood education learning studio will continue to offer *Little Panthers Colors*. All families are welcome to enjoy read-aloud times, songs, crafts, games and snacks to help your preschool age children learn their colors.

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-8:30pm at PMHS Library and Media Center

All ages, all talents, all voices are invited to join the Community Open Mic Night hosted by Youth Leaders with Pittsfield Youth Voice in it Together (PYViiT) of Pittsfield Listens. Childcare and snacks will be available, and pizza by donation- sponsored

by Jack's Pizza. All who attend will be entered into a raffle to win gift certificates and goods from local businesses. Contact Amanda Pawlik, at Pittsfield Listens, with any questions and to sign up ahead of time if you wish (signups are welcome at the event too!)- amanda@pittsfieldlistens.org or call/text 603-312-0695. For more information, please visit facebook.com/pittsfieldlistens pittsfieldlistens.org

Thursday, March 5, 6:30pm at PMHS Lecture Hall

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend Meet the Candidates night. Each candidate has been invited to attend and has been asked to submit an introductory letter to be included in an information packet. The format will be different this year with each candidate having some time to introduce themselves to the audience and then there will be time for questions. For more information, or if you have questions, please call Louie Houle at 435-6938 or Andi Riel at 435-6346. *** Candidates- if you did not receive a letter, please contact us.

Saturday, March 7, 11am-1pm Community Center

The Pittsfield Youth Baseball Association (PYBA) is hosting sign-ups for the 2020 Spring Baseball and Softball season. Youth ages 4-12 welcome, experience not necessary. \$50 per player (please ask about scholarships if needed). Come join in the fun! Meet new friends and PLAY! Any questions, email pittsfielddyouthbaseball@gmail.com

Monday, March 23, 6pm at PMHS Media Center

Planning meeting for Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion in July 2020. We are looking for ONE member from each Class to act as the Key Contact person – to share information about the reunion.

Happy Birthday wishes to my beautiful nieces, Emma & Ava Foster this past Monday and to my Leap Year Friend, Dave Johonett on Saturday, I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Suncook Valley Rotary Club is selling chances on when the 'Bailey Hotel' outhouse will plunge through the ice (on the pond by Globe Mfg). If you guess the closest date and time YOU will win \$500.00! A webcam to track progress will be live soon. Tickets are \$5 per guess or 3 guesses for \$10. For more information, or for tickets, go to suncookvalleyrotary.org and click on 'Outhouse Plunge'. Good Luck and thank you for supporting the Suncook Valley Rotary Club!

Select-Board Meeting February 18, 2020

The State requested that we accept their "Permissible Fireworks" list, or impose additional restrictions of our own. We voted to accept the State's list. Hours of use are described as "reasonable" by the Police Department. Generally, ending at 10pm on weeknights and 11pm on weekends.

Memorial Day will be here before we know it and a revival, of the commemoration it deserves, will get underway at an organizational meeting March 3, at 6pm at the Town Hall. There's a lot to plan and we need to get started. Veterans and active military are particularly solicited to take part in the parade.

A citizen generously offered to create an "unofficial" town Facebook (FB) page. After consideration we decided to decline. The Board doesn't encourage the use of FB due to the gossip and misinformation so prevalent there. Our meetings are open to the public and the Board welcomes any citizen concerned enough to make a judgement to join us, ask questions, and express concerns, face to face. The town website is available to check on any upcoming municipal events.
Carl Anderson

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, my committee recommended 13 bills to the full House. I worked extensively on the most important, HB 1642, which bans the State from engaging in facial recognition technology and protects the Department of Motor Vehicle's database of pictures from being used for such a search. The opposition in committee was concerned about taking a tool away from law enforcement. The rest of us agreed that the technology was flawed but had the potential to create a police state if it were reliable. We voted, 18-2, to protect everyone's privacy.

We also met in session with a rather short calendar. HB 1649, increasing car registration fees on more fuel efficient vehicles, (to make up for the gas taxes they don't pay), was not tabled. It was debated at length, then did not pass, 144-173. The opposition was mixed between those opposed to the fees, those who wanted to support electric and high-mileage cars, and those concerned about the fairness of this particular fee. Representative Allard

voted for it, I voted against, and Representative Klose was excused from the session.

We did pass HB 1605, requiring children under 2 to be restrained in a rear-facing child seat. It was not tabled. It was debated, with opponents pointing out that the bill required violating federal safety standards and manufacturer's recommendations. It still passed, 182-128.

If you wish for more information, call or email me for my detailed weekly newsletter.

Representative Carol McGuire

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Carl Michael Wallman



Carl Michael Wallman, 75, of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, left this world on Friday, February 14, after a long struggle with cancer. Carl was an environmentalist, ecologist, farmer, breeder of championship cattle, apostle of naturalist philosopher Aldo Leopold, lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, good neighbor, and dear friend.

He was also proprietor of Graylag Cabins on Wild Goose Pond, a property he lovingly restored with his artistic touches. Carl loved watching Graylag patrons connect with nature and build friendships around the campfire. His essence and legacy has been reborn as Graylag Nature Preserve, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting people with nature and one another. To view the full obituary, please go to:

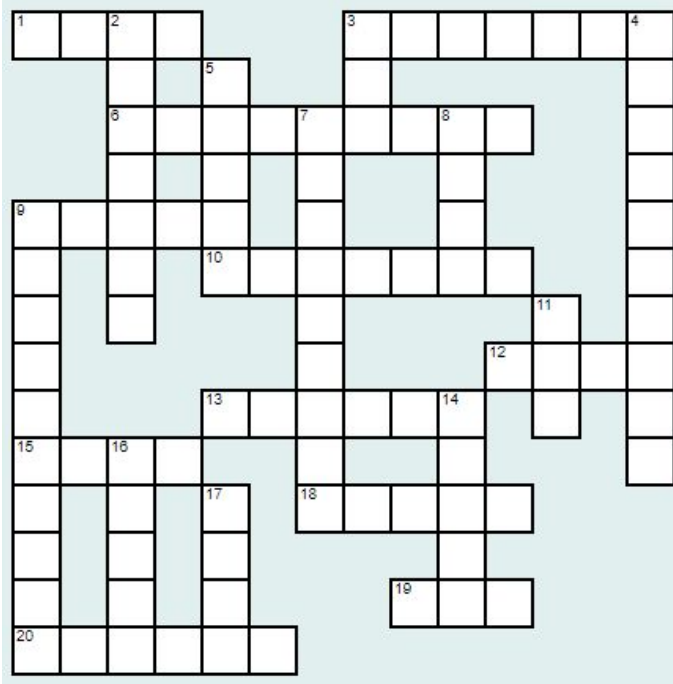
www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/brookline-ma/carl-wallman-9038318

**Josiah Carpenter Library
Ready to Read**

Family Activity of the Week

Introduce a new word to describe how you feel. Such as saying "I feel cheerful" rather than "I'm happy."

Rivers



Across

- 1. New York City river
- 3. Boston river
- 6. Biggest in central NH
- 9. Seine flows here
- 10. Pittsfield's finest
- 12. TVA river (Abbr)
- 13. In London and New London
- 15. Flows up a river
- 18. From Sunapee to Claremont
- 19. Flows north into Canada
- 20. In South America

Down

- 2. Drains Lake Superior
- 3. English college rows here
- 4. US-Canada border
- 5. Get to the other side of a river
- 7. Flows from Bow Lake
- 8. Large western US river (Abbr)
- 9. In Portsmouth, NH
- 11. England - Wales border
- 14. In Pacific North West of US
- 16. Where a river ends
- 17. Ends in Cairo, Illinois

To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield,

On election day at the Town Hall I was called disappointing, a hypocrite, a socialist, a communist, and a traitor, but be it known, I am really a serf.

So for far and wide I will be known as Serf Dan. Dan the Stoneman is asleep, maybe not dead.

There are no longer three equal branches of government, the President is corrupt, the Senate is corrupt, and the House can't seem to correct it. Although they are trying mighty hard. So no democracy for now just a king, I will bide my time for now. I will go to work and obey the King but, when you see me weeping beside the road, you will know I am just a serf.

Serf Dan

Pittsfield Skating Party



By Minni Plante

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Committee and the Greater Pittsfield Lions Club were finally able to sponsor a skating party at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area on Saturday, February 22. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible!

PES FOOD 4 KIDS

Please help support the Pittsfield Elementary School (PES) FOOD 4 KIDS. This program sends bags of food home on weekends for a large number of children in our community. For the month of March, every time the reusable \$2.50 Fight Hunger bag is sold, at the Hannaford Store, 73 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, NH, the PES FOOD 4 KIDS will receive a \$1.00 donation.

Cook's Corner Crispy Oven Fried Chicken Two Ways!

We hope you enjoyed our first Cook's Corner. Here's another recipe we think you'll like.

Corn flake cereal, crushed to make at least 2 cups
2 cups Egg Whites (from a carton, where they sell eggs)

2 to 3 Tbsp Ranch dressing

1 tsp paprika

1 tsp salt

1 tsp garlic powder

¼ tsp ground red pepper (or ½ tsp if desired)

3 to 4 lbs chicken thighs, legs, breasts – bone in,
remove the skin

Heat oven to 400°F. Spray tin foil covered baking sheet with cooking spray.

Place crushed corn flakes in one bowl. In another bowl, combine egg white, Ranch dressing (the secret ingredient, don't tell anyone) and spices through red pepper and whisk until combined.

Dip chicken pieces in egg white, then coat them in the corn flakes, place on the baking sheet. Once you're done, if you have leftover corn flakes, put them on the tops of the chicken pieces.

Spray all of the chicken lightly with cooking spray and bake for 45 minutes or until chicken is tender and juices run clear.

VARIATION:

Follow the same directions, but replace the bone-in chicken with chicken tenders. If using tenders, you may only need to cook them for 30 minutes versus 45 minutes. You'll have to check.

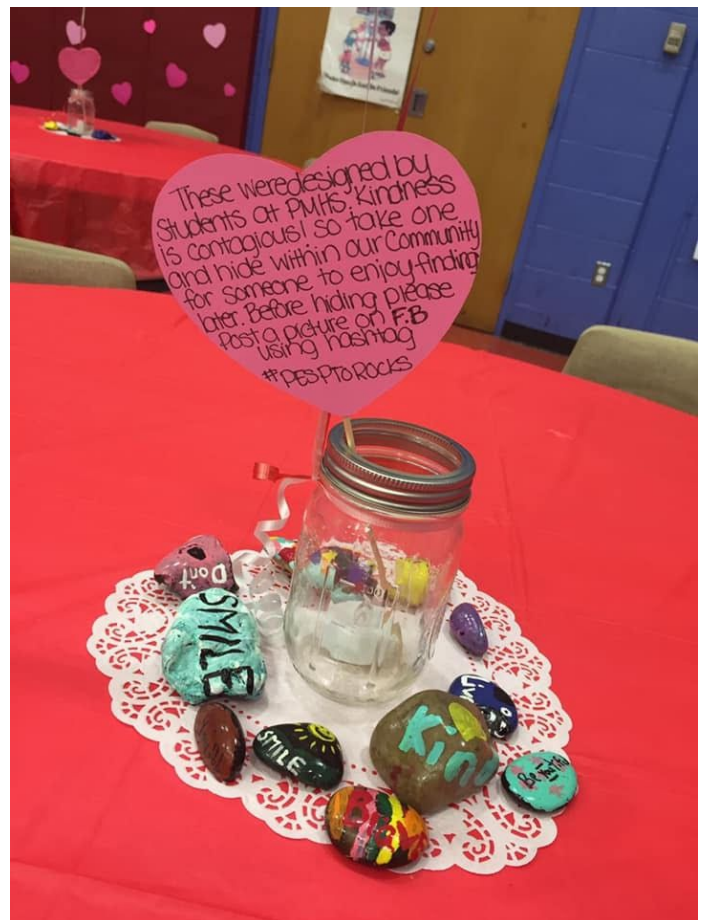
This chicken is a classic, much healthier than deep fried chicken but just as crunchy and tasty. It's great cold and reheats well in the micro or regular oven.

MaryPat Christakos

Have You Found a Kindness Rock?

On Saturday, February 15, 2020, PES's Parent-Teacher Organization hosted a Kindness dance for PES students and their families. Approximately 40 students attended with their families. As all guests left, they were encouraged to take a few kindness rocks to hide around Pittsfield to spread kindness to others. If you find a rock, please take a photo and post with the hashtag below. #PESPTOROCKS You can even re-hide the rocks to keep spreading love and kindness in our community!!

Thank you to the student's in Mrs. Engler's Advisory from PMHS. They painted over 100 kindness rocks for our dance and are looking forward to finding some around town!



Kindness Rocks

by Melissa Babcock

