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"March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodils" - Sara Coleridge **March 23, 2022**



2022 Spring Poetry Contest

The Chichester Country Store, located at the junction of Route 28 and Main Street in Chichester, New Hampshire, is proud to announce the co-sponsorship of a Poetry Contest in partnership with the *Pittsfield Post*.

Says owner Robin Panneton, "We are excited to reach out with this venture to involve members of our community in a creative avenue. This is an opportunity to foster positivity and goodwill with our local citizens."

The contest is open to local residents of Chichester and surrounding towns. The subject matter should focus on "Spring," be no more than 100 words, with a submission deadline of April 20, 2022.

Pittsfield Post volunteers will judge the submissions and decide the winners in three age groups: Ages 10-19, 20-49, and 50+. The winners in each age group will be published in the *Pittsfield Post*, plus receive the designated 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

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

The Chichester Country Store, in operation since 1847, is recognized for their locally and handmade apple cider donuts from an original recipe passed down through the centuries, and for their rustic and quaint New Hampshire country store atmosphere.



Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group

extends a hearty 'thank you' to the people of Pittsfield who came out for the Spaghetti Dinner on March 5th. It was a terrific turnout with

over 150 people attending. The Association is especially grateful for the generous donations which will be put to good use in support of our firefighters and first responders. Stay tuned, additional activities for the summer are in the planning stages. Again, thank you all very much for your thoughtful support.



Pittsfield School Board Request for Letters of Interest

The Pittsfield School Board is currently seeking letters of interest for one seat on the Pittsfield School Board. The term of the open seat will end in March of 2024. Interested residents are requested to submit a letter of interest to the Pittsfield SAU office, located at 23 Oneida St., Unit 1, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Letters need to be received by Monday, April 4, 2022, by 3:00 p.m. The current board members will review all letters received at their regularly scheduled board meeting May 6, 2021. Questions and letters can be emailed to Superintendent Bryan Lane at blane@pittsfieldnhschools.org

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

Pittsfield Schools - Spring Athletics - Softball do you know anyone in the grades 9-12 who may be interested playing varsity softball? Varsity Softball try-outs are Thursday March 24 from 5:30-7:00 in the high school gymnasium. Middle School Softball tryouts for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, March 28 and Tuesday March 29 from 3:00-4:00 in the high school gymnasium.

Soup's On! On Mon, March 28 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street. Your choice of hot and hearty soups, bread and beverage will be served. Cost by donation.

Pittsfield High School Class of 1972 Reunion: If you were in the Class of 1972, even for a little while, please join our Facebook Group. And if you know someone who was in the class of 1972, please pass this message on to them. Anyone can contact our Reunion Committee: Louis Houle, Martha Thorpe Laurie or Brenda Lucey Cochran. Our reunion is July 23, 2022 in Pittsfield. This is the big one so let's make it the best one yet!
www.facebook.com/groups/269683858607402

Pittsfield Food Pantry has been chosen to benefit from Northwood's Hannaford Bloomin 4 good campaign. For every bouquet sold in March the Pittsfield Food Pantry will receive \$1.00. Stop by to pick one up to support the pantry.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club is inviting local organizations to participate in the Balloon Rally. They are open to your ideas and need your help! 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 Senior Center due to illness and lack of personnel the center must reduce its hours. We are only open for Bingo on Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. The hours of walking are postponed until further notice. This is temporary until we find a coordinator., Then the center will be reopened for its normal business hours. Call 435-8482 if ?'s.

The Pittsfield Senior Center is looking for a coordinator that will assist the Resource Manager with the day-to-day operations of the senior center. The hours are Monday through Friday, morning and early afternoons, 25 hours per week. Perfect hours to work around school children's schedules. If interested contact the center at 603-435-8482 or send an e-mail to cschiferle@capbm.org. You also may submit your resume through www.capbm.org

Pittsfield Youth Workshop Drop In hours from 3-6pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri and from 1-6 pm on Wed. Lots of fun activities happening. Contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org or 435-8272

Kindergarten Registration is Wed, March 30th. We are excited to start welcoming your kindergartners to PES! If your Pittsfield child is 5 years old by September 30th, please contact the Elementary School 435-8482. for an appointment. If you have any questions contact contact Kathy LeMay-klemay@pittsfieldnhschools.org

Pittsfield Public Works - effective Monday, March 7th - there is a 6 ton weight limit on the following roads in Pittsfield: Dowboro Road, Concord Hill Road, Main Street, Webster Mills Road, Tilton Hill Road, Jenness Pond Road, Upper City Road, Governors Road. There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 435-6151 for updated info.

Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Department is recruiting for head coaches: Middle School Girls Softball – Middle School Boys Baseball – Previous experience playing/coaching is preferred but not required. Interested applicants, contact Jay Darrah, jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools and send a letter of interest, resume and references to: Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida St, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

Pittsfield Committee/Commission Vacancies Opportunities for the following committees and commissions: 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 – alternate positions. If interested, fill out the Volunteer application-available at the Town Hall or on-line Pittsfieldnh.gov (search volunteer application). Return the completed application to the Selectmen's Office at btheriault@pittsfieldnh.gov, mail, drop box or in person.

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 Parelus, 25 Amherst Dr., Center Barnstead NH 03225. He and his family will collect the cards and will send them to the troops.

Happy Birthday wishes to everyone who has a birthday this week. Can you believe I do not have anyone on my calendar!

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the House met for three long days to meet our deadline for acting on House bills not in a second committee. As usual, we killed more (usually bad) bills than we passed (hopefully good) ones; since we were on a deadline, many bills were tabled to avoid debate. After this week, they would need a 2/3 vote for any action, so it's much the same result.

After extensive debate, we passed HB 1476, a revision to the bail laws to require offenders who were already out on bail to see a judge before release. It passed 199-134; from the debate I gathered a lot of the issues would be resolved if a judge were available 24/7.

We passed HB 1639, making the youth risk behavior survey opt-in, like all other non-academic surveys, rather than opt-out. From my committee, we passed, 187-148, the amendment to HB 1135, moving the performance audit of the education freedom account program out a year so that we would have a full year of data to audit. We also passed HB 1171, exempting some specialty beauty services from licensure, 201-147, and HB 1330, which as amended repealed the registration requirement for medical technicians, 175-168.

HB 1677, appropriating \$100 million to settle claims for abuse at the Sununu Youth Center, was debated and passed on a voice vote. An amendment to add emotional abuse to the settlement scope, and triple the per-person limit, was debated and killed, 164-177.

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

Fun in the Sun

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission will be looking for lifeguards this summer. To receive lifeguard certification, you must be 15 years old, but to be a 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 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*.

Game-changer Part Two

This is the 2nd installment for using the game-changer method for a favorite card game. This time it's for a solitaire game.

Standard solitaire is a popular card game for a single player using one 52-card pack. Liz Dimmick invented her own version to share with us by using the game-changer method.

Before explaining the rules, let's define the different piles of cards:

1. TABLEAU – the seven piles that make up the main table
2. FOUNDATIONS – the four piles above the tableau built of whole suits in sequence
3. STOCK / HAND – the pile remaining from which additional cards are brought into play according to the rules
4. TALON / WASTE – cards from stock pile that can't be played on the tableau or foundation and are laid face-up in its own pile

Setting up the piles of cards is done exactly the same way as standard solitaire, but what's different is the sequencing on the tableau and foundation piles.

Instead of starting foundation piles with "Aces" and building upwards to "Kings", you will do exactly the opposite. You start the foundation pile with "Kings" and work your way down to "Aces".

Instead of starting new tableau piles with "Kings" and building downwards to "Aces", you will do exactly the opposite. Start new tableau piles with "Aces" and build upwards to "Kings".

Once you get the 'hang of it', you may enjoy playing this new way! *Jean Cram*

Cooks Corner

Maple Cupcakes & Frosting



For our fourth installment in the 'Maple Month' series, we feature two classics, both sent to us by our devoted reader and friend, **Corine Miller**. First we have **Maple Shortbread Cookies** which are simple to make and so delicious with your favorite cup of coffee or tea. These cookies will keep well in an airtight container. Next we have **Maple Cupcakes and Maple Frosting**. Tell the kiddos if they eat their dinner, they'll have a special treat for dessert! Don't forget to stop by Journey's End Maple Farm to get all of your maple supplies. Enjoy!
Pour the batter into cupcake papers or into a lightly greased muffin pan.

Maple Cupcakes and Maple Frosting For the cupcakes

½ cup butter
½ cup maple sugar
1 cup maple syrup
2 eggs
1 tsp maple extract
2 & ½ cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp ground ginger
1 tsp baking soda
¼ tsp salt
1 cup hot water



Heat oven to 350. Cream together butter, maple sugar, maple syrup, eggs and maple extract. In a large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, ginger, baking soda and salt. Add the creamed mixture to the dry ingredients and mix well. Then add 1 cup hot water. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. After they've cooled, top with the maple frosting.

For the maple frosting

4 cups confectioner's sugar
½ cup butter, softened
3 TBSP milk
¼ cup maple syrup
½ tsp maple extract

Combine all ingredients and beat with a hand-mixer on high until smooth. Frost the cupcakes then sprinkle a little maple sugar across the tops.

Maple Shortbread

2 sticks butter
¼ cup maple syrup
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 tsp maple extract
2 & ½ cups flour
Maple sugar

Heat oven to 300.

Cream together first 4 ingredients until light and fluffy. Add flour and mix well.

Roll dough out on a lightly floured board to about ¼ inch thick. Using small cookie cutters, cut out and place the cookies on an ungreased baking sheet. Use a small fork to make light dents in the dough. Sprinkle the tops with maple sugar.

Bake for 15 minutes. This recipe makes about 50 small cookies.

Share Your Easter Recipes and Traditions

The Easter holiday will be upon us soon, it's Sunday, April 17 this year. What family dishes will you be making? We would like to feature some of your favorite Easter holiday recipes in "Cooks Corner". And if you have any special traditional activities that you'd like to share, please let us know. You can email pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org or by mail at Pittsfield News, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263

Pittsfield in the News

Congratulations to Amber Goodwin, school nurse at PES, for her selection as one of *WZID's (95.7fm) 20 Outstanding Women for 2022*. In her radio interview Amber describes how she enjoys developing personal connections that support the healthy development of children. She also finds great satisfaction and joy as a member of the PES sunshine committee. Her favorite quote is "Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity." *Hippocrates* Thank you to the anonymous person who nominated Amber for this recognition.

Pittsfield's very own Matras Maple was highlighted in the March/April issue of *Yankee Magazine*. Their sugar house was featured in an article *Gold Rush: Sweet gifts from the New Hampshire woods*. *Yankee Magazine* did make a mistake...they seem to think Matras Maple is located in Chichester! But, we all know where to find the source of delicious maple syrup.



Timberrrr.....

March 25, 2011 - Photos by Diane Vaughn





Post-It in the Post

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work!
Deadline is noon on Friday.

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Guidelines: www.PittsfieldPost.org

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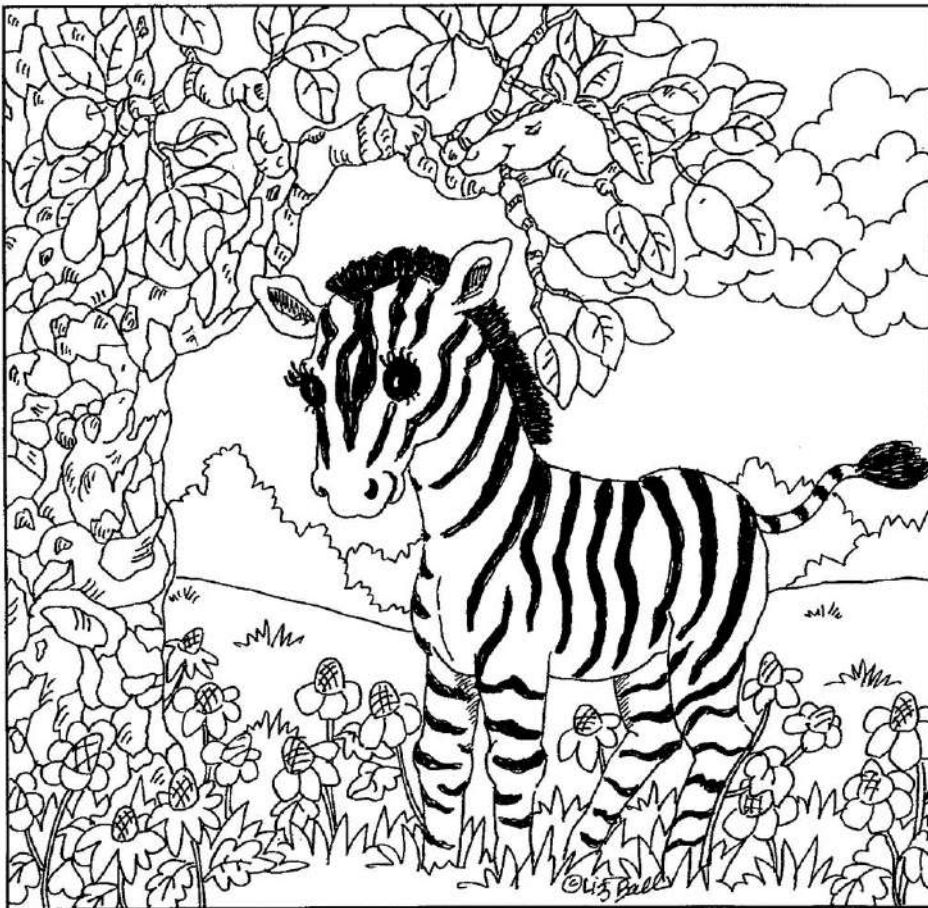
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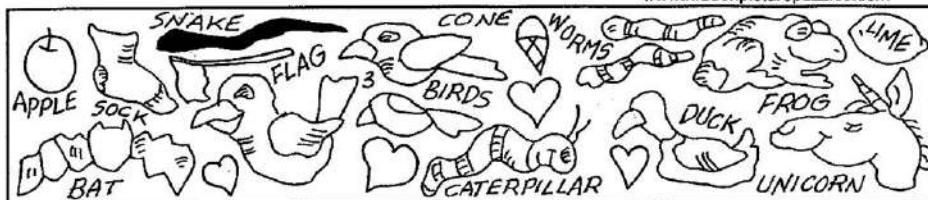
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Place several objects on a table. Talk about which is largest, which is heaviest, which is smallest.