PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb." - Farmers Almanac

March 27, 2024

Thank You! Spaghetti Dinner Was a Big Success

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group thanks all who came to the spaghetti dinner on March 9. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious, and it was a terrific fundraiser for our organization.

We hope to see you all again next year. Thank you! Pittsfield Fire Association











Pittsfield Town Crier

To have an event included call Andi Riel pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com 603-435-6346

Thur, March 28, 7pm, Town Hall - **Conservation Commission** monthly meeting will be held.

Fri, March 29 at 6:30pm - Joy Church will be having a Good Friday service. Everyone is invited to join us as we consider the power of Good Friday. Our Easter Sunday celebration service will be on Sunday, March 31 at 9:30am. 55 Barnstead Rd., Pittsfield.

Sat, April 6, 10-2pm - The community is invited to the "Beautification Day" at Pittsfield Elementary School. The PTO will be hosting a spring clean up day. This will involve sweeping up the winter sand, raking of rocks, plow-damaged lawn and the inner circle. There will also be some spreading of mulch and light weeding. This will be a great community service project for students as well. The PTO will be seeking the borrowing of hand tools: Push brooms, spring rakes, garden rakes, square shovels, wheelbarrows and tarps. Give back to your community and enjoy some delicious BBQ at the same time!

Sat, April 20, 9-12pm - In an advance celebration of Earth Day, the **Pittsfield Conservation Commission** will be holding a Roadside Cleanup. Meet at the Drake Field gazebo and wear bright-colored clothing for visibility. Trash bags and disposable gloves will be provided to volunteers.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop - ?s Contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

Senior Center has Breakfast Bingo! Every other Wednesday, we serve breakfast at 9:30am, then bingo will run from 10-11:45am. Our next "Breakfast Bingo" date will be March 27. Cribbage players are still welcome. We have plenty of room for both groups to be going on at the same time.

Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of supplies to help with our programming: Clear contact paper, small reward stickers, small (6-inch) paper plates, cotton balls, small prizes/party favors, buttons, paper napkins, glue dots, dish soap, colored cupcake liners (mini and regular), apple juice, powdered lemonade mix, and fruit snacks.

Globe Community Fund - If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

The Town of Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is effective November 15th through April 15th. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or rights of way between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The purpose of the parking ban is to allow the winter or inclement weather maintenance crews unobstructed routes for snow removal and ice control.

Pittsfield Hoops 603 Heatwave Camp - Summer basketball camp for Grades 1-6 at the PMHS Gym. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. \$40. July 15-19, 9-1pm for Grades 1-3, July 29- Aug. 2, 9-1pm for Grades 4-6. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Coach Stratton at 603-341-2691 or pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com Sign up today on our website to reserve your spot in something great -

https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/pittsfieldhoops603

Pittsfield Town Clock - Many of you may not be aware that our town clock, owned by the Town and housed in the First Congregational Church, requires a weekly winding. Citizens have volunteered their time over the years to take care of this task, climbing the narrow steps and a ladder to keep our unique clock ticking and our town 'on time.' The current volunteer has generously served for several years now and is ready to retire - which leaves us in need of a dependable individual to take over this weekly task. The clock is currently wound on Thursdays, and while the day of the week can be changed, it must remain consistent. If you are interested in taking over as the town clock winder, please contact Town Administrator Cara Marston by email at cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov for more information on this neat opportunity.

Pittsfield Budget Committee - There are several vacancies on the Committee. Please contact Town Moderator Jackson Marston or the town hall if interested or have any questions. The volunteer application may be found on the town website www.pittsfieldnh.gov

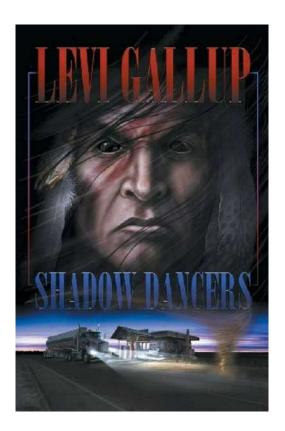
PMHS Class of 1984 - It's our 40th Class Reunion this year!!! Save the date: Sat, Sept. 14 at Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford.

The Victory Workers 4-H Club is holding their annual Flower Fundraiser. 10" Hanging Baskets (\$35) and 24" Window Boxes (\$40) -each available in 6 varieties. Orders are due by April 1 and will be available for pickup on Fri, May 10 and Sat, May 11. Contact Mark or Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com to order.

Happy Birthday wishes to Deb Gage on Wed, March 27. I hope you enjoy your special day!



The Josiah Carpenter Library will have a supply of solar eclipse glasses available at the library and town hall starting on Monday, April 1st.



Josiah Carpenter Library Author Visit with Levi Gallup

The Library is looking forward to hosting Pittsfield author and poet, Levi Gallup on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm.

Levi Gallup, author of the Dark Light series, and Shadow Dancers, was born in New Hampshire. He attended New Hampshire and Connecticut schools before enlisting in the U.S. Army. While in college, he studied business and computer science. Levi Gallup is a digital artist, writer, genealogist, and outdoor enthusiast. He is a direct descendant of some of Pittsfield's early settlers.

Levi has spent a lifetime studying religions, history, philosophy, physics, paranormal experiences, and world culture. He attended Pittsfield schools for a portion of his childhood and graduated from high school here. Levi and his wife, Jean, live in Pittsfield, where Mr. Gallup serves on the Board of Directors for the Pittsfield Historical Society.

Levi is currently finalizing the third novel in the *Dark* Light trilogy, and expects it to hit bookshelves in late 2024. He is also drafting a sequel to Shadow Dancers, illustrating a book of his own poetry, and is engaged in recording two songs.

Josiah Carpenter Library

The Pittsfield School Board

The Pittsfield School Board is seeking applicants to fill an open position on the School Board. This is a one-year term position. Letters of interest should be sent to:

The Pittsfield School Board 23 Oneida Street Pittsfield, NH 03263

The deadline for letters of interest is Monday, April 1, 2024. Please include your address, phone number and email address. If there are any questions, please call the Superintendent of Schools, Bryan Lane, at 603-435-5526.

School Board Update

The Board has had a busy couple of weeks with meetings, Meet the Candidate Night, and voting day. We are pleased to welcome Tim Robinson to the Board, and we wish to thank Adam Cote for his service to the community and schools. The Board does have a vacated seat to fill. Please see the article in this week's Post with further information if you are interested in joining our school board.

The meeting on March 7th was a showcase of some of the great happenings at both PES and PMHS. Principal Kristen White compiled detailed grade-level updates from all teachers and staff at PES to share with the Board. We were thrilled to hear these updates and are grateful to all faculty and staff who contributed. Mrs. White also shared some wonderful community milestones for our learners at PES including: the 100th day of school Celebrations of Learning, the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge (which, due to the excellent school-wide fundraising, resulted in both Mrs. White and Mr. Curtain getting slimed!), the Hearts Across the World Challenge, and Read Across America Week. We are so proud of all of the wonderful happenings at PES.

Mr. Hamilton shared the PMHS 2024-2025 Program of Studies. The Board was impressed with the new offerings, and with the school and staff's willingness to offer up some wonderful options for our learners. New this year: Technical Writing, Applied Research, Practical Math, Electricity, Introduction to Engineering, Anatomy and Physiology, World History, and Government in Action. The Board thanks the administration, faculty and staff at PMHS for these exciting opportunities for our learners and the many paths they may take after high school. Mr. Hamilton also shared the many lively co-curricular activities currently running at PMHS. From Drama Club to Future Business Leaders of America to Student Council, our community and schools have a lot to be proud of.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin* mgoggin@sau51.org 603-387-1396.

Pittsfield Middle High School News

Congratulations to the PMHS Drama Club! Their performance of *Discovering Rogue* at the New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild Regional Festival earned them a place at the State Festival, to be held on March 29-30 at Kingswood Regional High School. PMHS is one of ten NH schools which will perform at the State Festival. Congratulations to Mylie Weygand, Carly Griffin, and Micah Sayman, who earned awards for their acting roles, and to Joaquin Salas, who won an award for lighting design during the Regionals!

Congratulations to Elise Berry for her acceptance to the Friends Forever International Learn Everywhere Program. Elise is a member of the PMHS class of 2025. She will be attending a science program in Durham, NH during April vacation, earning 2.0 high school credits.

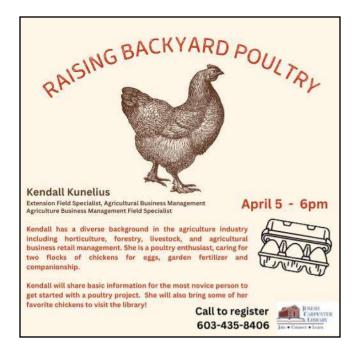
On May 4, the PMHS Chess Club is planning to participate in, Chess in Education - US. In conjunction, the New Hampshire Chess Association will hold a one-day "Chess Festival" in Manchester. There will be an unrated tournament and other chess activities for all ages. Further information will be forthcoming, or look to https://granite.chessineducation.us/ or email Don Belanger at dbelanger@sau51.org Pittsfield Middle High School

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4pm Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club, Library 6:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 6:30pm, Victory Workers 4-H Meeting, PES	9-11am, Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church	6:30pm Rotary Club, Historical Society 6:30pm See You on The Dark Side Solar Eclipse Info Session, Josiah Carpenter Library	4. 5:30pm School Board, PMHS 6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall	6pm Raising Backyard Chickens, Josiah Carpenter Library 6:30pm Family Movie Night. Joy Church	6
7	7pm Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, Community Center	6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall 6:15pm Parks & Rec Meeting, Community Center	4pm 10 Community Development Committee, Town Hall 4:30pm PMHS Baseball vs Newmarket, Drake Field. Softball, Tilton Hill 6:30pm Author Visit with Levi Gallup, Josiah Carpenter Library	9am Better Balance, Better You presentation, Senior Center 7pm Planning Board, Town Hall	4:30pm PMHS Softball vs Sunapee, Tilton Hill	8:30am Breakfast, Joy Church
1-4pm, Museum open, Historical Society	15 10:30am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Community Center 4pm Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club 5:30pm Community Supper, Congregational Church 6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library, Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead	6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting, PES	17 10:30am Library Trustees Meeting, Josiah Capenter Library 6:30pm Rotary Club, Historical Society 6:30pm Make a Bee Bath, Josiah Carpenter Library	Noon Volunteer Appreciation Event, Senior Center 4:30pm PMHS Baseball vs Concord Christian, Drake Field 5:30pm School Board, PMHS	No School, Pittsfield School District Parent Teacher Conferences	9am-Noon Roadside Litter Cleanup with the Conservation Commission, Drake Field

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Pittsfield School District April Vacation Week		6pm Board of Selectmen, Town Hall	5pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall	6pm BCEP Committee Meeting, BCEP 7pm Conservation Commission Meeting, Town Hall	7pm Getting Away with Murder, Scenic Theatre	7pm Getting Away with Murder, Scenic Theatre	
28	29	30	Pittsfield Youth Workshop Drop-In Hours		Jaciah Carrantar Library		
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	Carpenter Library Teen Book Club		Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 3-6pm		Monday & Thursday 10am-6pm		
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					12:30-6pm		
			Wednesday, 1-6pm		Saturday10am-2pm		
			Pittsfield Clothes Closet Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm Saturday, 10am-1pm		Senior Center Hours Monday & Thursday 8am-2pm Wednesday 8am-1pm		



Express your Opinion!

Do you have questions or opinions you would like to share? Are you a candidate for an elected position in Pittsfield? Share your ideas or candidacy in the *Post*.

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. <u>No submission is guaranteed publication.</u>

Deadline is noon on Friday via pnhcc.org We look forward to supporting an informed Pittsfield election season. The Post Volunteers

Cook's Corner

Twice Baked Loaded Potato Casserole and Roasted Asparagus with Parmesan

If you haven't finalized your Easter dinner menu, take a peek at these two recipes. Both of these are simple, classic, and both will pair nicely with any of your favorite Easter or Spring menu mains – ham, roasted leg of lamb, lemon & rosemary chicken or even quiche. My very best wishes to you and your family for a joyous Easter. Bon appetit.

Twice Baked Loaded Potato Casserole

Cooking spray

3 lbs russet potatoes

4 TBSP butter

½ cup milk

1 (7.5 oz) tub chive & onion cream cheese

½ cup sour cream

½ cup finely chopped scallions

1 (7 oz) package shredded Cheddar cheese

1 (2.1 oz) package fully cooked bacon, chopped Paprika for garnish (optional)

Heat oven to 350. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Peel and cut potatoes into 2-inch chunks. Add potatoes and salt to a large pot of cold water, heat to a boil on high. Once boiling, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, until fork-tender. Drain potatoes well and return to pot.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine butter and milk. Microwave for 1 to 2 minutes until milk is hot and butter is melted. Add milk mixture to potatoes and mash coarsely. Stir in cream cheese and sour cream. Season with salt & pepper. Mash until smooth, taking care not to overwork the potatoes.

Now stir in half of the scallions, half of the Cheddar cheese and half of the bacon. Spoon the mixture into the prepared baking dish. Top with remaining scallions, cheese and bacon. Sprinkle the top with paprika, if desired.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until heated and cheese is melted.

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$4.00 for a brief classified ad.
Guidelines and order forms are located at
www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Roasted Asparagus with Parmesan

2 bunches of asparagus (about 1 & ½ lbs) 1 TBSP olive oil

Coarse salt and fresh ground black pepper ¼ to ½ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese Heat oven to 400. Wash the asparagus and trim the rough ends off. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the asparagus with the olive oil and season with salt & pepper. Spread in an even layer across the baking sheet and sprinkle the Parmesan cheese all over.

Roast until the asparagus is tender and the cheese has melted, about 10 to 15 minutes. - MP Christakos

Volunteer at the Food Pantry

The Pittsfield Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Hours would be Monday and/or Thursday from 11 am until 2 pm. There is some lifting required. You would be filling orders for clients as they come in. Or taking the orders of the clients when they come in, which does not require lifting. Come to the pantry if you are interested. If you would like to make an appointment to talk about volunteering, our phone number is 603-435-7300, email address: FoodinPittsfield@hotmail.com Pittsfield Food Pantry

CAN YOU FIND 18 DIFFERENCES?

ANSWERS:

- 1. antennae on butterfly
- 2. Bowtie
- Buttons
- 4. Tulip (1)
- 5. Tulip (2)
- 6. Tulip (3)
- 7. Shoe
- 8. Missing sock
- 9. Pocket
- 10. Eyelashes
- 11. Eyes
- 12. Butterfly wing
- 13. Butterfly bottom wing
- 14. Carrot top
- 15. Leaf on tulip
- 16. Top of shoe
- 17. Stripes on pants
- 18. nose



The number of bills reaching the floor established a record for this term, and we ended on March 21 at 8 PM.

March 14 session bills of interest: **HB1204** passed (228-139) protecting citizens with stronger requirements when a government agent may enter a secured premise without a warrant.

HB1305 passed on a bipartisan vote (206-169) regarding freedom of speech at public institutions of higher education. There was an amazing presentation of support and cooperation when the two youngest representatives from both sides of the aisle spoke to support the bill.

HB1311 passed (194-180) requiring school boards to adopt policies for the selection of materials for library media centers. Cyril and I did not vote for this bill, since it does not allow for a policy for the selection or removal process that parents could use.

HB 1312 passed (186-185), expanding parent notification of students' health and well-being information.

HB1512 failed (186-187) limiting education freedom account funding. It is amazing how close the votes are at times, which makes it critical that you are in your chair at every vote! Cyril and I have perfect attendance!

HB1594 failed (184-189) requiring annual determination of eligibility for awarding education freedom account funds.

The next group is dear to me since I am on the Election Law Committee. **HB1146** passed (189-186), allowing voters to remove themselves from the voter checklist. It was hard to believe that there was no way to do this! **HB1369** passed (191-181) requiring the verification of voter roll by the supervisors of the checklist from every 10 years to every 4 years. In 2021, over 220,000 voters were determined ineligible! **HB1569** passed (189-185) removing the exception for providing voter identification. This bill removes the voter affidavits as proof of identification and repeals the procedures for affidavit ballots.

March 21 session bills of interest: **HB1336** was pulled from the "table;" this bill would allow employees to keep their weapon in their vehicle while at work. This bill passed 197 - 176.

HB1659 a parenting rights bill dealing with child custody passed 187 - 178. **HB1205** on women's sports passed 189 - 182. Requires athletics to be biologically based, girls only playing girls sports for grades 5 - 12. Designed coed sports or intramural teams are not impacted by the legislation, which is logical.

HR30 would have taken time from teaching core subjects in favor of teaching climate change and was defeated 181 - 191. **HB1098**, allowing ballots to be delivered to elder care facilities, was passed 192 - 175.

HB 1149, allowing anyone to vote without proper I.D. and without proof of residency, defeated 184 - 190.

HB1335 removing Columbus Day as a holiday, happily defeated 42 - 331. This was the 7th attempt to remove Columbus!

HB1283 legal assisted suicide passed 179 - 176. **HB1479** would have prohibited the use of federal, state or local funds for lobbying activities and was indefinitely postponed 211 -129

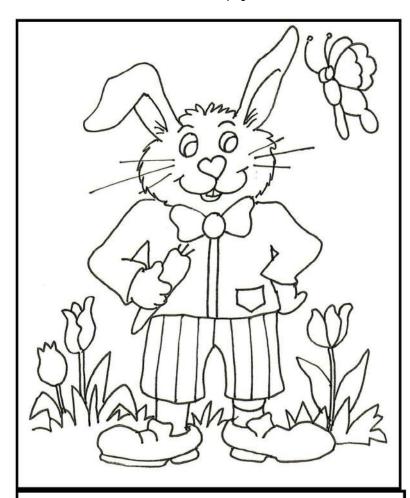
HB1281, relative to zoning restrictions on residential rental properties, would release hundreds of properties for immediate availability, defeating 17 - 300. This lopsided defeat is based on the legislature's support for local land rule! **HB1371**, which keeps charitable organizations exempt from taxation, passed 306 - 7

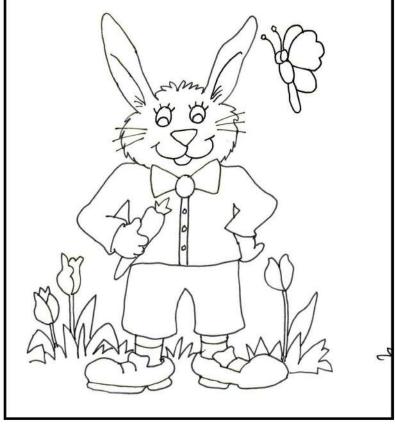
HB1115 passed (194-180), establishing that the termination date on a residential lease applies to both parties. Somehow, the opponents of this bill presented the argument that a lease or contract is more than the words on paper!

Please reach out to Cyril and Clayton at info@ClaytonCyril4House.com if you have any questions. Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood

Find 18 Differences

Answers on page 10





"Girls On The Run" Program at PES

The 8-week program is for girls in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, of all fitness abilities. Girls are not required to be Pittsfield Elementary students. Registration is open through April 7. The first practice is Tuesday, April 2. Practice times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school until 4pm, at PES. If you have questions or for information about financial assistance, contact Girls On The Run volunteer coach: Paulette Wolfe at plwwolfe@gmail.com or 603-491-8386. No girl will be turned away for financial reasons. Girls on the Run



Post-It in the Post

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

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Info: www.PittsfieldNHCommunity Center.org



Now Enrolling Grades 6-9!

Benjamin Franklin Academy Chartered Public School is pleased to announce that we are officially in our newly renovated facility in Loudon, NH! Tours of our rural 8-acre campus will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 3-5 pm or by appointment. Please RSVP if interested at Enroll@BenjaminFranklin.Academy or call 603-325-7688 or 603-333-6519

Want to see the pictures in color?

Subscribe to receive the *Post* by Email by scanning the QR code. Or go to:



www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org



FREE Preschool for ages 3-5!*
FREE Home-Based program for pregnant parents and babies ages 0-3!*

Head Start Preschools are located in Pittsfield, Franklin, Concord, and Laconia.

Preschool hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Two meals provided daily at no cost to families for preschool children.

Enrolling now for the 2024-2025 school year.

*Eligibility guidelines do apply. Scan below, visit www.capbm.org, or call 603-225-3295 ext. 1127 or email

Headstart@capbm.org for more information











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