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"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

March 10, 2021

Moonlight Meadery and Hidden Moon Brewing are moving to Pittsfield!

We are excited to announce the sale of Early Bird Farm on Upper City Road to Over the Moon Farmstead, LLC. It will be the future home of Moonlight Meadery and Hidden Moon Brewing, currently located in Londonderry.



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Bird Muse



Have you ever wondered why birds peck at house paint? We have seen this at our house this year, mostly blue-jays....this got my curiosity up and having more time on my hands, I read up on it!

Birds need calcium to lay eggs....An investigation into paint ingredients found that limestone, a source of calcium, is often a key ingredient in paint. Scientists theorize that Blue Jays are, pecking at the paint for the calcium, something they need for egg laying in the spring. They peck at the paint, eat some and fly away with their 'stash', saving it for later. Cornell Lab researchers, along with curious bird lovers, studied calcium consumption in birds and observed Blue Jays more than double that of any other species. Researchers think the problem is worse in our area of the country, the Northeast, due to acid rain, which depletes the soil of naturally occurring calcium.

Now you might ask, what can we do about this?

Well, a simple solution - bake discarded egg shells at 350` for 15 minutes, crush them and sprinkle them on the ground~they are full of calcium and the birds will gobble them up! Baking the eggshells removes all bacteria, including salmonella, which can harm the birds.

Donna Keeley

Town Crier

Andi Riel, 435-6346 pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 13, 4pm – Birds, Bats and Butterflies ~ a Virtual Presentation Hosted by Graylag Nature Preserve and presented by UNH Cooperative Extension, Speaking for Wildlife. The presentation will highlight a dozen wildlife species commonly seen in NH. Join by Zoom in the comfort of your own space. Please register for this event to receive the Zoom invitation. For more information, call 435-5555 or email info@graylagcabins.com

Tuesday March 16, 9-11am Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, through the First Congregational Church. We ask that you please call 435-7471 when you arrive in the Chestnut Street parking lot, and we will bring diapers and wipes outside for pickup.

Thursday March 18, 11:00am-12:00pm:- Pittsfield Senior Center - Hot curbside take out corn beef and cabbage: This is part of the centers take out meal program. If interested please call 435-8482 by March 12, 2021 to reserve your meal. Please keep in mind that the program does ask for a \$2.00 donation.

Pittsfield Youth Baseball - Who is ready for some baseball/softball?!! WE ARE! Register online! <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/pittsfieldbaseball> Have Questions? pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com

A 4-H Community Service Project, led by Jeremiah Chapman, is in full swing, please consider giving a donation for folks who utilize Meals on Wheels. Items needed : *Size 9 or 10 manila envelopes, books, birthday cards, stamps, puzzle books (preferably word searches and crosswords), individually wrapped snacks, coffee, tea, baskets of any size and small gift items (for example pens and pads of paper).* Donations may be dropped off at the Josiah Carpenter Library until June. 1.

Town Roads - Effective Monday, March 1 there is a 6 ton weight limit on the following roads: Dowboro, Concord Hill , Main St at the Commons, Webster Mills, Tilton Hill , Jenness Pond, and Upper City. There are special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 435-6151 for updated information.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) - We are happy to announce that PYW has opened for in-person programming! Program activities will continue to look different, but we are positive we will have fun while staying safe and healthy! *Youth do not need to register ahead of time* for each day of programming, however, there may be a need for pre-registration in

the future. Programs are scheduled monthly, and each day will have an organized activity. Wearing a mask is required when in the building, except when eating or drinking. Also, a friendly reminder to families that membership and program fees for the 2021 school year *have been waived* to insure all youth will have the opportunity to participate in PYW activities! If you have any questions, please contact us at 435-8272, or www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

The Victory Workers 4-H Club is holding their 4-H Spring Flower Sale! Order now for delivery before Mother's Day. Anyone who has ordered before knows just how gorgeous these plants are! All proceeds stay right here in our local 4H Club to help with education all programs, life skills projects, camp scholarships, and more. Contact your local 4Her to place an order or contact Mark Riel at 491-2524 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com.

PMHS Winter Athletic Season - All home games at PMHS will be streamed live on facebook. @pmhsathletics. Unfortunately our gym does not allow us the capability of allowing fans in for home games due to COVID-19 regulations. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope you will watch the games on facebook. We appreciate the support! GO PANTHERS!!

The Pittsfield Senior Center is beginning programming on Zoom and Facebook. If you are interested in participating, please call the center at 435-8482.

Happy Birthday wishes to DRG and Gene Ladd last Sunday; to Nick Davis this past Monday; to Kaileigh Davis and Stan Bailey on Tuesday; to Rick Davis on Thursday and to Joe Davis on Saturday.

Wow!! I hope you all enjoy your special day!



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4-H Community Service Project Update

I would like to thank everyone who donated to my Meals on Wheels community service project. The response was so great that I already had to drop off a load of donations. The folks at the Senior Center were very appreciative of the many donations we dropped off, and I just want to remind everyone that I will keep on accepting donations until June.

Thank you,
Jeremiah Chapman.

Double Word Puzzle #22 by Diana Westgate

Find the word that satisfies both definitions.

1. Watering device _____ Stockings
2. Male spouse _____ Garner
3. Doing nothing _____ Not in gear
4. Progeny _____ Publication
5. Condiment _____ Difficulty
6. Bump _____ Small container
7. Tug _____ Annoying person
8. Fair _____ Barely
9. Eager _____ Lament
10. Child _____ Poke fun at

The answers are on p.4

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Rotary Club Outhouse Fundraiser

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club decided not to hold our outhouse plunge fundraiser this winter because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to thank Bob Apel for giving the club permission to use the Globe pond his year and also Mike Wolfe for checking the ice thickness. Due to warm temperatures this winter, the pond was not safe for the Bailey Hotel until late January. Hopefully we will be able to have fun with everyone next winter. Bye For Now, Stan

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Cook's Corner Colcannon

St. Patrick's Day is a week away – time to get your green out and your Irish on! Here's a lovely dish that

will well and truly make your Irish eyes smile. My great-grandmother Katie Collins handed this one down and while it's the perfect side for corned beef and carrots, it's also great with grilled sausages. In my family, my great Aunt Anna also frequently served this alongside pan sauteed beef liver and onions, with a good dollop of a tart, grainy mustard, and warmed rolls with sharp "rat trap" Cheddar cheese. Maybe next week, we'll make scones, how does that sound? Slainte!

- 4 Russet or Yukon Gold potatoes (about 2 to 2.5 lbs)
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 5 to 6 Tbsp butter (plus more for serving)
- 3 lightly packed cups of chopped cabbage (or savoy cabbage)
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced, including the green tops (about ½ to ¾ cup)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Bacon crumbles
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

Steam the potatoes: Put the whole potatoes in a large pot, add about 2 inches of water, add 2 Tbsp salt and bring to a boil. Steam until the potatoes are fork tender (about 20 to 30 minutes). Drain in a colander. Let the potatoes cool a bit then peel and quarter them.

Cook the cabbage & green onions: Return the pot to the stove and set over medium-high heat. Melt the butter in the pot and once it's hot, add the cabbage. Cook the cabbage for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring, until it has wilted and is giving off some of its water. Add the green onions and cook for 1 more minute.

Add the cream & potatoes: Pour part of the cream into the greens, mix well then add the potatoes. Reduce the heat to medium.

Mash the potatoes with a fork or potato masher, mixing them up with the greens. Add the bacon crumbles and more cream as necessary to achieve desired consistency. Add salt & pepper to taste. Put in a large serving bowl, or individual serving bowls, make a depression in the center and fill with a knob of butter. parsley. Garnish with fresh chopped if desired.
MP Christakos

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, my committee heard four bills on declaring and operating a state of emergency: HB 275, HB 414, HB 417, and HB 433. Since they all dealt with the same section of laws, we heard them together and discussed them as a group. They intended to require the legislature to approve extensions of a state of emergency, or the executive orders themselves, so the emergency manager from Nashua spoke against any delay in reacting to an emergency. The sections that allowed someone to decline to evacuate, at the risk of not receiving any help, was argued among the committee members: we have four firefighters on the committee, and they were strongly against not helping people evacuate. Oddly, we had almost no public input on any of these bills.

Then we met to vote on HB 128, which adds a public notice to the weather modification statute. We all felt that this was appropriate, and voted 18-1 in favor. We also unanimously approved HB 283, Wentworth Cheswill day, with an amendment to make a one-time commemoration; HB 273, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 26th amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18; and (less one vote) HB 155, declaring Indigenous People's Day. On this bill, we amended it to add the holiday on August 9, which is the UN holiday, and leave Columbus Day alone.

We debated HB 544, banning divisive concepts such as critical race theory by state agencies and contractors. An amendment by the sponsor to narrow the focus of the bill passed 17-1, but the debate on the bill itself was heated. The opposition interpreted this as racism and an attack on free speech; supporters saw it as preventing teaching history from the presumption of white racism and oppression. The committee vote was 10-9, on party lines. *Representative Carol McGuire, m McGuire4house@gmail.com 782-4918*

Answers to Double Word Puzzle #22

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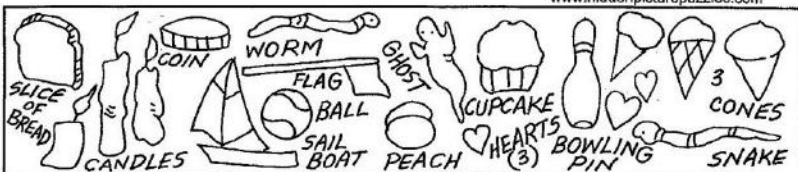
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