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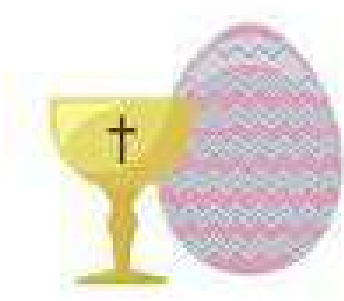
A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"March is the best time to start again, because if the spring can do it, why not you?" - Author unknown **March 13, 2024**

Upcoming Lenten and Easter Services

First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service March 24, 10 a.m. Palms will be distributed.

A special Maundy Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, will be held Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir.



On Easter Sunday, March 31, at 7:30 a.m., the customary Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary with breakfast immediately following (about 8:30 a.m.) in the vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10:00 a.m. with special music by the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Handbell Choir. Come and worship at either service and join us for breakfast!

There is parking as well as a wheelchair accessible entrance at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. For more information about any of these services, call the church office at 435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak. *First Congregational Church of Pittsfield*



Ro Gavin



Sam Taber

The Pittsfield Players present

Open Mic Night March 23 at 7:30PM, doors open at 6:30PM

Hosted by Tech Crew Productions, LLC & Sponsored in part by Susan Pagano

Come join Tech Crew Productions, LLC, The Pittsfield Players and Hosts, Ro Gavin and Sam Taber as we host our first Open Mic Night with cash prize, refreshments and raffles galore. Open Mic Night is our kick off fundraiser for raising money for our new audio system, including 100% of the proceeds from this show! We have invited the best of the undiscovered to come showcase their talents for this incredible opportunity in downtown historic Pittsfield, NH at the also historic Scenic Theatre, home of the Pittsfield Players

Tickets, which include admission, refreshments, a door prize raffle ticket and one 50/50 raffle ticket, are \$20 each and available by visiting ticketleap via our website www.pittsfieldplayers.org by phoning in a reservation at (603) 435-8852 and first come first served at the door. Also be sure to visit our website to see the complete list of the audio equipment and feel free to click through and make a donation. And remember our next production Getting Away With Murder is directed by Andrew Gibson, assisted and produced by Jeannie Legrow and show dates are April 26,27 and May 3,4 and 5.

Meggin Dial for the Pittsfield Players

Pittsfield Town Crier - To have an event included call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Effective Friday, March 1st - there will be a 6 ton weight limit on the following roads: Dowboro Road - at Tan Rd / Epsom town line, Concord Hill Road - at Rt 28, Main Street - at Commons, Webster Mills Road - at bridge / Chichester town line, Tilton Hill Road - at Catamount Rd, Jenness Pond Road - at Catamount Rd / Northwood town line, Upper City Road - at Rt 28 and Loudon town line, Governors Road - at Tan Rd intersection to non-maintained end, Ingalls Road - at beginning. There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 435-6151 for updated info or to arrange for deliveries.

Wed, March 13, 9:30 am - Library Trustees will meet at the Library.

Sat, March 16, 10 am - Scenic "Theater Cleanup" at The Scenic Theater. It's the perfect opportunity to lend a helping hand before our "Open Mic Night" event!

Mon, March 18, 5:30-6:30pm - Community Supper will be held at the First Congregational Church. Cost is a Donation. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and visit with some great people.

Mon, March 18 - 12pm - The Senior Center will have a St. Patrick's Day Celebration with the traditional meal being served at lunch.

Wed, March 20, 6:30pm - FRIENDS of the Library will meet at the Josiah Carpenter Library.

Sun, March 24, 10am - First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service. Palms will be distributed. A special Maundy Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, will be held Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir. On Easter Sunday, March 31, at 7:30 a.m., the customary Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary with breakfast immediately following (about 8:30 a.m.) in the vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10:00 a.m. with special music by the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Hand bell Choir. Come and worship at either service and join us for breakfast! There is parking as well as a wheelchair

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Senior Center Schedule- Monday & Thursdays – 8-2pm and Wednesdays 7:30am –1:00pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 12 pm; Bingo M & TH – 10-11:45 am; Cribbage & Games – W-10-12 pm; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8 am-1 pm; Sweatin' to the Oldies- M & W at 9 am and Chair Yoga- TH at 9 am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482.

Breakfast Bingo! What a combination! Every other Wednesday the center will be serving breakfast at 9:30am then bingo will follow from 10:00-11:45 am. Our "Breakfast Bingo" dates will be March 13 & 27.

Join us every Sunday for BINGO hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo. They have a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at noon and bingo starts at 2:30pm at 48 Airport Road in Concord.

Updated Wish List - Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of the following items throughout the year and would greatly appreciate any and all donations from patrons and town residents: Powdered Lemonade mix, fruit snacks, sandwich/quart and gallon zipper storage bags, party favors/prizes, Ribbon, buttons, paper napkins, glue dots, jumbo craft sticks, Dish soap, apple juice. All of these items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in various adult and children's programming provided by the library. Donations from you would allow for the annual budget to provide more for patrons throughout the year.

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? 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

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Pittsfield Post Layout Team – Help Wanted

Are you looking for a unique volunteer opportunity that allows you to use your computer skills and creativity? If you said 'yes', working with the *Pittsfield Post* may be right for you.



The Post is published bi-weekly through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers. Our Layout Team is responsible for preparing the Post for printing, including how the paper looks, how content flows, the placement of advertising, digital artwork, etc.

The Layout Team meets every other Friday for one to two hours, using state of the art desk-top publishing software to complete each issue. We're looking for a few more volunteers to assist with this critical production activity. It's a terrific, fun group of people and training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact the Pittsfield Post at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org



HEY, Kids, bring a friend and join us for Easter crafts, activities, games and refreshments on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Our event will be held at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Hope you can plan to join us!! *Congregational Church Outreach and Discipleship Committee*

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Cook's Corner Potato & Leek Soup

St. Patrick's Day is upon us! I'm delighted to share another classic recipe from my great grand Mama, Katie Collins. I've updated this recipe a bit, adding

garlic and ideas for toppings, to meet our more modern tastes; but this soup is truly a good old fashioned tradition. Katie was a force of nature; raised 7 of her own children and 6 of her grandchildren. During Prohibition, she made her own beer in the cellar. Who would have thought the president of the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA was a bootlegger! I hope you enjoy this pot of lusciousness. "May the road rise to meet you; May the wind be always at your back; May the sun shine warm upon your face..." Slainte! *MP Christakos*

3 TBSP butter

4 large leeks, white & light green parts only, washed thoroughly and roughly chopped

3 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed

2 lbs Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and chopped into ½ inch chunks

7 cups chicken or vegetable broth

2 bay leaves

3 sprigs of fresh thyme

1 tsp salt

¼ tsp black pepper

1 cup heavy cream

Fresh chives, chopped, for serving

Melt butter over medium heat in a large stock pot. Add the leeks and garlic, cook, stirring often, until soft and wilted, about 10 minutes, but do not brown.

Add potatoes, broth, bay leaves, thyme sprigs, salt & pepper to the pot. Bring to a boil. Cover, turn heat down to low. Simmer for 15 minutes or until potatoes are very soft. Fish out the thyme sprigs (discard). Let the soup cool for about 10 minutes.

Working in batches, transfer the soup to a blender. Remove the cap at the top of the blender lid, cover with a dish towel and puree the soup, until smooth. Return the soup to the pot. Add the heavy cream and stir well. Taste and re-season with salt & pepper, if necessary.

Serve the soup topped with chopped chives, garlic croutons and a little shaved Parmesan cheese. Oh ... put the pepper grinder out too. - *MP Christakos*

The town of Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is in effect until April 15th. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or right of way between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am..

The Suncook Sno-Riders Club members are selling tickets for their annual Winter Raffle. 1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize: \$300, 3rd Prize: \$200, and 10 \$100 Prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be at our club meeting on March 6th, you do not need to be present to win.

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, 9-1 pm for Grades 1-3 and 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>

Local Election Absentee Ballot applications are available on the town website www.pittsfieldnh.gov or at the Town Clerk's office.

Happy Birthday wishes to Rick Davis on Mon, March 11 and to Joe Davis on Wed, March 13. I hope you both enjoy your special day.



HOW SWEET IT IS....

These past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of being with a group of friends that were boiling sap....to make a most delicious maple syrup. Pittsfield native, Billy Carpenter, has been doing this for many years, at his sugar shack in Barnstead, NH and I have learned so much from him about the production of this sweet treat!

Here are some facts that you may or may not know:

- One maple tree can produce up to 15 gallons of sap per year.
- It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup.
- A wood-fired evaporator is used to boil away (or evaporate) water from the sap until it reaches 219 degrees on a Bi-metal thermometer.
- Maple syrup contains more calcium than the same amount of milk.
- Maple syrup is an excellent source of potassium, magnesium, phosphorous, zinc and iron.
- Sugar sand, or niter, is a naturally occurring substance which forms as the maple sap is boiled. It is an edible component of the syrup. Filtering removes the niter, leaving a clear, golden product.

The next time you pour this treasure onto your pancakes, waffles or French toast...savor it most fully!

**See page 6 for a fun Maple-Pecan Cake Recipe





Post-It in the Post
Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors? Are you part of a community group that has big news? Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org by noon on Friday.
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➔ *Additional Pittsfield Sugarhouses to Visit:*

- *Journey's End Maple*
- *Marston Farm*

CHECK THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Save the date!



The Pittsfield Parks and recreation committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Dustin's Park at 10 am!

*PYW will be hosting a breakfast prior to the hunt.

*Josiah Carpenter Library will also be open from 10 am to 2 pm to decorate your own Easter cookie or until gone.

*Don't forget to stop and get your picture with the Easter Bunny!

*The Library will be having a make your own Bonnet prior to the Egg hunt.

Parks and Rec is in need of volunteers to assist with the event, please contact a committee member for further information



THE PITTSFIELD YOUTH WORKSHOP

EASTER PIE SALE

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Maple-Pecan Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 2/3 Cup of water
- 1/3 Cup butter, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 Cup maple syrup
- 1/2 Cup chopped pecans, toasted

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 1/2 Cup powdered sugar
- 3 Tablespoon butter, softened
- 1 1/2 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3-4 Tablespoon maple syrup

Oven: 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan).
Generously grease & lightly flour 12-cup fluted bundt cake pan

Beat cake ingredients on low 30 seconds, then on medium 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pan.

Bake 47-53 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours.

Beat powdered sugar, butter, cream cheese and syrup on low. Beat in enough of the remaining syrup to make a smooth, soft frosting that will flow down side of cake. Spread frosting over cake. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.

TIPS: -Instead of the frosting recipe, mix pre-made cream cheese frosting w/ 4-5T maple syrup or just drizzle w/maple syrup.

-To toast the pecans: spread in shallow ungreased pan; bake @ 350°F, 6-10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until light brown.



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.

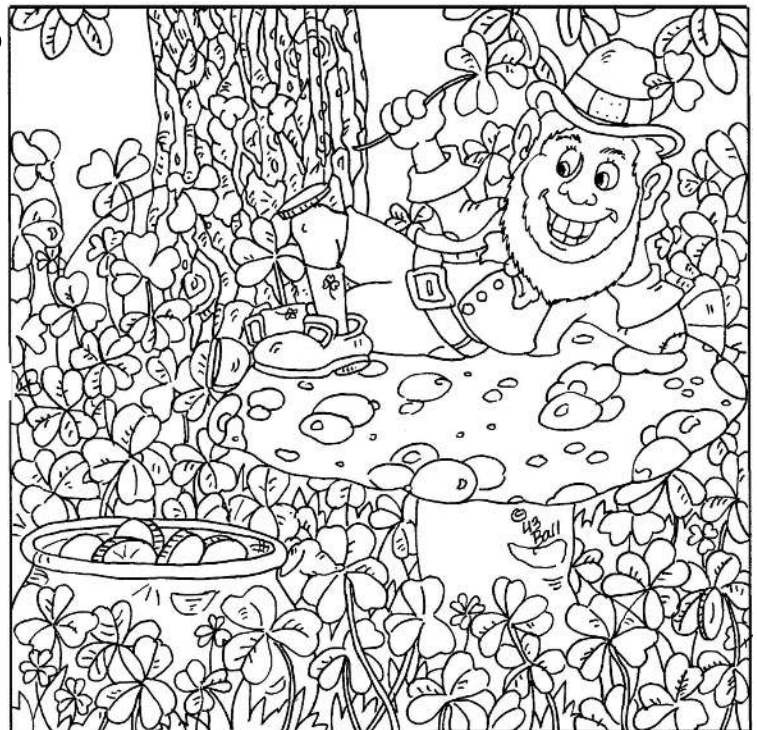
Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.

Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

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

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HB1623 passed 184-168 and revised the state energy policy to promote affordable, reliable, and secure energy resources for NH citizens while reducing the risks of power outages in our great state, otherwise known as "brownouts."

HB1118 passed 179-166, providing requirements for issuing nonresident alien driver's licenses. Such licenses will expire when a non-resident's visa or other expires.

The House was back in session on March 7, starting at 9:00, with 54 bills on the docket for discussion. The session ended at 6:00 pm, and the last 10 bills were moved to the following week.

Some of the bills that were discussed included:

CACR17 was a constitutional amendment giving parents the fundamental right to direct their minor child's upbringing, education, and care, which should not be infringed upon. This bill failed (180 – 183), lacking the necessary 3/5 votes.

HB1263 authorizing the use of parenting coordinators in high-conflict family court cases, setting qualifications and requirements, passed unanimously by voice vote.

HB1266 permitting audio and video recordings in the family court passed 191-173.

HB1308 failed (170-194) and would have allowed parents or legal guardians access to their minor child's library records. We wonder why the anti-parenting caucus wants this information kept secret from parents!!!

HB1527 failed (161-202) to allow owners to mark their property against trespass with purple paint markings, establishing criminal penalties and prohibiting removal of the paint markings. Currently, signs are posted with the ability to prohibit specific activity and identify the property owner. The representatives felt that the current method follows the spirit of sharing land in our great state.

HB1437 failed (173-193) to provide for an 11-member state board of education staffed by professional educators and administrators. The opponents of this bill presented arguments that professionals should not be tasked with regulating themselves based on best practices and state court rulings against such a structure.

CACR14 was a constitutional amendment to provide and maintain a clean and healthy environment for present and future generations, but it failed (168-197.) This bill was a copy of a bill that passed in Colorado that has been plagued with litigation.

HB1240 was tabled 310 - 54, adding eating disorders as a qualifying medical condition for therapeutic cannabis.

HB1213, which removed the immunization requirements for childcare agencies, passed (189-173). This requirement would be a financial burden for small agencies.

HB1660 passed (193 - 169) and removed the state Medicaid plan from providing gender reassignment treatment for minors. Recently, the House passed legislation making it illegal to do gender reassignment surgery on minors.

HB1037 failed 163-196 to repeal limited liability for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms and ammunition.

Sincerely, your Representatives Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood

Cyril and I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please feel free to contact either of us via info@ClaytonCyril4House.com.