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"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at." *Stephen Hawking*

Suncook Valley Rotary Club Cancels the 39th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club has announced that it will be canceling the 39th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally. With the uncertainty of the direction of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it will affect large group gatherings, the Club felt that cancelling the rally was the safest option for the community and the public.

At this time of year, the Club would typically be fundraising, working with vendors, entering into contracts, and making decisions about the event. During this public health pandemic, when our entire community is under such an intense strain, it is not practical to request or make such commitments.

As part of its decision, the club weighed several factors, including how the pandemic could impact all the vendors, balloonists, families, and the visiting public.

While it is sad to think about missing the Balloon Rally this summer, it will be back on August 6-8, 2021 bigger and better than ever. The Suncook Valley Rotary Club wishes everyone a safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the rally in 2021.

Old Home Day

The Old Home Day Committee has reluctantly decided to cancel the traditional activities. Due to the ongoing pandemic we believe that it would be unwise for people to gather for the community fair, parade and fireworks. But we can still plan for summer fun. We would love to see Pittsfield decked out in *Red, White and Blue*. Decorate your home or business with a patriotic theme. If you're planning flower gardens, think ahead for July. Kids who enjoy the bike parade can still decorate their bikes and put them on display at home. The committee plans to put up red, white and blue lights in Dustin Park. Do you have an idea that we can enjoy together while we continue to physically distance? Send ideas to Andi Riel, pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

On a more cheerful note, have you enjoyed your first ice cream cone of the season at Frekeys? Or some yummy food from the new Flannel Tavern? The summer of 2020 will certainly be different, but we can create our own fun! *The Old Home Day Committee*

Josiah Carpenter Library Reopens

The library is open by appointment and to drop in. No more than four people are allowed to enter the building at once: one person to use a computer, one to send a fax, and two to borrow materials. You may also request materials and pick them up outside. If you're eager to read a current bestseller, please be patient because all returned items will be quarantined for 48 hours.

Library employees were working while the building was closed. When you saw us going in and out, were you curious what we were up to? Well first, along with the rest of the world, we did some cleaning (it took many dishwasher loads to wash the Legos). Then we started to make a big mess. Closets were emptied and sorted; one of the closets, the bathroom and downstairs hallway were painted. There was a cast iron pipe that was near the end of its life span. A portion of the downstairs ceiling was cut and then repaired after a new pipe was installed. The most complex project, reorganization of the children's non-fiction books, is ongoing. Why is a book about the discovery of new dinosaur remains on a different shelf than dinosaur books? Why are books about extinct animals separate from animal books? To solve the problem, we've created a custom Josiah Carpenter Dewey Decimal system. (Dinosaurs are now shelved next to reptiles.) So if you see some shelves with books that cannot be borrowed they will be available as soon as we finish adjusting their catalog records..

When you come to see us we will invite you to start your visit by washing your hands. The library is open Monday and Wednesday 1-6pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-2pm, and Friday 10am-1pm. See you soon! *Leslie Vogt*

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The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. The "BUY-A-BRICK" is an opportunity for people to honor someone by purchasing 4" x 8" bricks: 18 character, 3 line limit, for \$100.

For order forms or more information, please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com or call Larry at 798-3984.

The Hanging Flower Basket project is in the works. The small group of volunteers are set to plant and hang these lovely baskets in early June. If you would like to help out this effort, they would appreciate a donation to offset the cost of flowers, soil and supplies. Checks can be mailed to Pittsfield Hanging Basket Fund, C/O Donna Keeley, 256 True Road, Pittsfield, 03263.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop Pantry hours have been adjusted for the next few weeks in order to accommodate families who are already out and about, picking up meals and supplies at the school. The PYW Pantry will be open on Thursdays from 12-3pm for the next few weeks. If you have any special requests, please feel free to reach out to Zach or Paula at 435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

The Pittsfield Middle High School All Class Reunion scheduled for July 11, 2020 has been CANCELED. We are planning to hold the Reunion Next Year and will advise the date at a later time. We are still asking for Key Contact People from each class to contact their own classmates and collect contact information. For more information, please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Catamount Womenaid is a volunteer, women-led nonprofit founded in 2011, whose mission is to provide those in need with immediate, short-term financial assistance not available from other resources. Requests for assistance are submitted by a "validator" (in other words, a trustworthy source in the community). Catamount Womenaid serves people in Pittsfield, Deerfield, Epsom, Strafford and Northwood. Money is raised through various fund-raising efforts. For more information, please visit www.catamountwomenaid.org

Happy Birthday wishes to Diane Bishop this past Sunday and to Denise Robinson this Tuesday. I hope you both enjoy your special day!

Cook's Corner

Roasted Salmon with White Wine Sauce



After weeks of quarantine and perhaps indulging in comfort foods to soothe our souls, I decided to feature a healthy dinner option. Although fresh salmon is always preferred, this works just as well with frozen salmon or cod; and once you master the art of the simple white wine sauce – it's also great on pan-sautéed chicken cutlets.

1½ lbs. salmon filet
Coarse salt
Pepper
1 Tbsp. butter
2 tsp. flour
1 cup dry white wine
1 Tbsp. fresh, chopped chives

Heat oven to 450F. Place salmon on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet; season with salt & pepper. Roast until opaque throughout, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile in a saucepan, melt the butter. Add flour and cook, whisking constantly for about 1 minute. Add the wine, stir and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 8 minutes. Stir in the chives and more salt & pepper to taste.

Serve the sauce over the salmon. My go-to sides for this dish are boiled red new potatoes and steamed veggies. Add some lemon slices, sprinkle each plate overall with fresh chopped parsley, and voila! An elegant and super healthy dinner. *MP Christakos*

An **Outdoor Word Scramble** is being held around town! The Post volunteers have put up 20 letters in Pittsfield. The letters may be arranged into a phrase. Letters are at Danis, Danis Laundry, Main Street Variety, First Congregational Church, Epping Well, Jitters, Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield Youth Workshop, Historical Society, Scenic Theatre, Paul's Unisex, Bell Brothers, Clothes Closet, Jack's Pizza, MRP Manufacturing, Town Pool (Beach), Town Hall and Community Center. To play, walk or ride around town and write down the letters. BY MAY 15th, send your answer to the Post – pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org All of the correct entries will go into a drawing. Three winners will be selected to receive a gift certificate to a local business. See **page 4** for Map details.

Tiny mice are hidden in this puzzle.
Can you find them all?



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B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District

EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2020, BCEP IS ACCEPTING TIN CANS, ALUMINUM CANS, AND CARDBOARD FOR RECYCLING

Dispose of tin cans (FOOD) in the SCRAP metal dumpster. Cardboard must be broken down (all packaging removed) to a 3' x 3' size to accommodate disposal through the dumpster opening. All aluminum cans (beverage) may be disposed of in the dumpster located beside the cardboard dumpster.

PAPER & PLASTIC WILL NOT BE RECYCLED WHILE OPERATING OUTDOORS. THEY MAY BE PLACED IN THE TRASH UNLESS YOU HAVE SPACE TO STORE THEM UNTIL THE BUILDING RE-OPENS.

REMINDER - HOUSEHOLD TRASH ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME IS YOUR KITCHEN OR GARBAGE TRASH – NOT CLEANOUTS, DÉCOR, FURNISHINGS, RUGS, BUCKETS, BASKETS, YARD WASTE, ETC. –

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT HOUSEHOLDS LIMIT DISPOSAL TO FOUR BAGS PER TRIP & TWO TRIPS PER WEEK SO THAT ALL PATRONS ARE AFFORDED SPACE FOR DISPOSAL.

All parking on the hill is parallel only. Thank you.

Garden Planning

Across

5. Too much ____ in August
6. Popeye's favorite
9. ____ trees provide shade and sap for syrup
10. Big tomato
13. Herbal base for Pesto
14. Heirloom pole green bean
16. Favorite vegetable that is really a fruit
17. Need for a salad

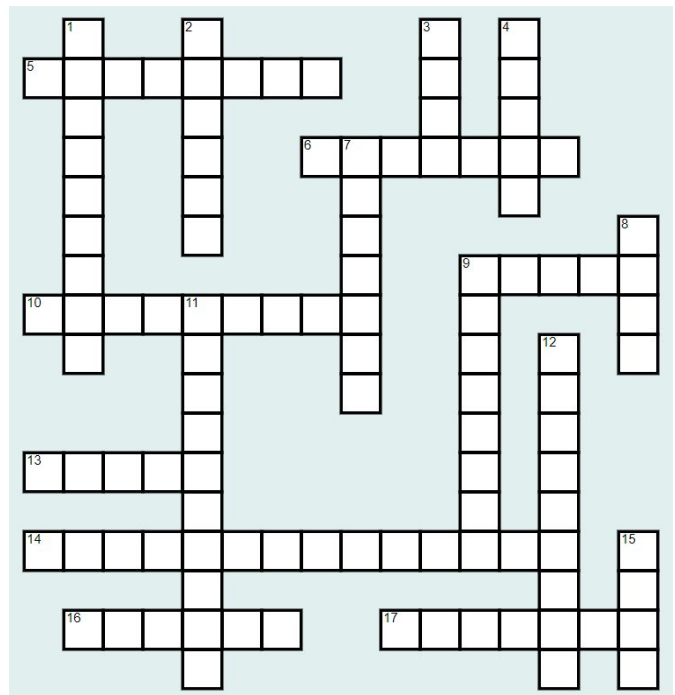
Down

1. Tall and cheerful
2. Small tomato
3. Water from the sky
4. Put around plants to reduce weeds
7. Jack O' Lantern
8. Sugar Snap ____
9. Flower to plant near tomatoes to keep pests away
11. Classic pumpkin for Thanksgiving pie
12. Edible flower
15. Pollinators

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Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Writing: Playing with dough strengthens muscles needed for writing. Roll dough into balls, press fingers into the dough, and make shapes.



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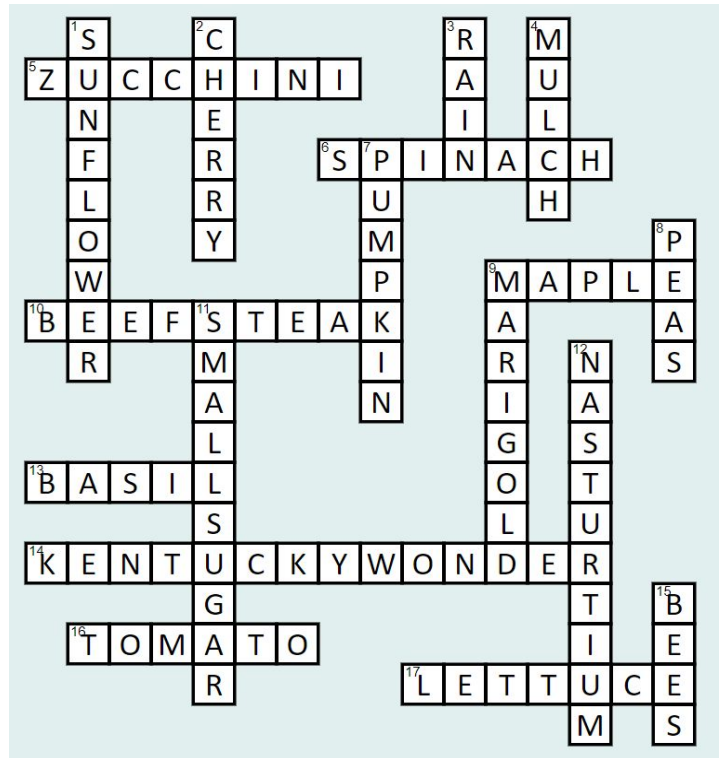
Cost begins at \$3.00 for a brief classified ad. Full guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Please support the *Pittsfield Post*. Checks may be made out to: **Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263.** Donations are tax-deductible. Donations above \$50.00 may be acknowledged as Sponsor of the Week. Go to www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org to download a donation form.

**Celebrate
 Pittsfield High School Class of 2020!**

The *Post* plans to run a special color edition on June 3, 2020 to recognize our Pittsfield High School graduating seniors. If you are interested in congratulating a Senior to help celebrate their milestone, please send in your article/letter by noon, May 18. If you would like to place an advertisement in the paper for this very special issue, please send us your artwork no later than noon, May 21.

Garden Planning Answers



There are six mice hidden in the picture.

Word Scramble Map of Locations

