etter to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak ont and remove all March 30, 2022 A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUMTEERS

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." - *Abraham Lincoln*

To The Citizens:

In order to improve life in the town, and to reward people for living here, the following changes have been made:

- The Police Department will have Officers directing traffic at busy intersections during high traffic hours. (Weekends and Holidays exempted. Officers like some time off, too.)
- The Public Work's Department will plow driveways as well as the public roads. (Some exceptions may apply in Mud Season, which is a lousy time to do anything.)
- The Fire Department will cease requiring burn permits and will dispatch a member to burn your brush pile for you. (Each burn will be charged for one gallon of gasoline. Accelerants are essential because these people don't have all day to get the fires going.)
- The Library will provide each household with a Netflix streaming account. (Adult supervision required! Kids, make sure the grown-ups aren't watching stuff they can't deal with.)
- The position of Town Administrator will become Town Manager, with full executive authority. (It's time to stop having a multi- million dollar operation run by a group of part-time amateurs.)

By Royal Order of the Board of April Fools

April 1st, 2022

Enjoy the warmer weather with the Josiah Carpenter Library Story Walk...

The humorous tale, *The Prince's Tooth is Loose*, by R.W. Alley, has recently been posted by the Josiah Carpenter Library as the newest StoryWalk®. The Prince has a loose tooth and the whole kingdom springs into action to help him! Book pages are mounted in 12 windows throughout the downtown Pittsfield area. Tie up your walking shoes, grab a water bottle, and enjoy a walk through our beautiful little town while reading this fun story with charming pictures. Families may pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

A special thank you ...



for sponsoring this StoryWalk®

If you are interested in sponsoring a storywalk this year, let us know. *Melissa Babcock*

The StoryWalk ${
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Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story.



30 READING

Help your child notice words as you go through your day. Point out street signs, words on food cartons, signs on shops, billboards, and more.

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

Joy Church is hosting a free family movie night on Friday, April 1, at 6:30pm. We will be watching "Encanto." The whole community is invited. There will be free popcorn and snacks for everyone. We hope to see you there! Our address is 55 Barnstead Rd. in Pittsfield.

Pittsfield High School Class of 1972: If you were in the Class of 1972, even for a little while, please join our FB Group. And if you know someone who was in the class of 1972, please pass this message on to them. Anyone may 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!

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

Tuesday, April 5, 9-11am: First Congregational Church Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry. Please use the parking lot entry off of Chestnut Street. The pantry will be accepting donations of diapers and wipes. For information call 435-7471.

The 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 <u>suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com</u>

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, and Governor's Road. There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 435-6151 for updated info.

The Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Department is actively recruiting for:

Middle School Girls Softball – Head Coach and Middle School Boys Baseball – Head Coach. Previous experience playing and/or coaching is preferred but not required. All interested applicants should contact Jay Darrah, Director of Athletics at jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org Send letter of interest, resume, and references to: Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida St, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Volunteers wanted for Town of Pittsfield Committees and Commissions. There are multiple opportunities to volunteer for committees and commissions. If interested, please fill out the Volunteer Application (available on-line or at the town hall). Please return the completed application to the Selectmen's Office by e-mail to: btheriault@pittsfieldnh.gov , by mail, drop box, or in person, and it will be distributed to the appropriate appointing authority. Volunteers needed for: 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.

Paying for College 101 For Seniors presentation by the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation on Tuesday, April 5, from 6-7:30pm at the PMHS Media Center.

Happy Birthday wishes to Deb Gage last Sunday and a VERY Special Happy Birthday wish to Aunt Ethel Cochrane last Monday.



Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Ages 10-19, 20-49, and 50+

Pittsfield Post volunteers will judge submissions. Winning poems will be published in the *Pittsfield Post* on April 27. Winners also receive the following 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

Submissions must be received by April 20, 2022.

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

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 2023. 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 3pm. The current board members will review all letters received at their regularly scheduled board meeting on April 7, 2022. Questions and letters may be emailed to Superintendent Bryan Lane at <u>blane@pittsfieldnhschools.org</u>

Many Thanks,

The family of Jackie Arey would like to thank all the folks that have called and sent cards, flowers, and notes of encouragement, and the many other acts of kindness that make this state and this wonderful town a great place to live.

Jackie has endured a tough journey. Her stroke was an aneurysm, which is the worst type of stroke. The first three days the caregivers needed to ascertain who would make the call regarding resuscitation because her prognosis was so bleak. Today I am glad to report that because of all the kindnesses of her friends, family, and co-workers, she has made amazing strides. She is currently in Concord at Pleasant View Center.

We believe that because of the combination of great care and the thoughts and prayers of all of you, she had a reason not to give up. Words cannot ever express our thanks and gratitude to all of you. *The family of Jackie Arey*



Drakes Field By The Tennis Courts

April 9, 2022 (Rain date April 16)

Festivities begin at 10am with the arrival of the Easter Bunny and an Easter Bonnet Parade

Happy Spring!

Here is some exciting news from the Pittsfield Youth Workshop! We would first like to thank everyone who has already donated to our "Old Dogs Go to Helen" fundraiser. We will have some very happy dogs soon! We are still collecting, so please think of us if you have any dog related items that you'd like to see donated to a very worthy organization.

We are also offering lots of opportunities for Community Service Hours in April. Here at PYW, our "Service Learning Days" offer middle and high school students an opportunity to earn their hours while helping out the community and having fun! We will be filling Easter eggs for the community Easter egg hunt starting on Wednesday, March 30th, and would love to have lots of helping hands!



Some more exciting calendar events happening soon are: Slime Bar on April 1; High School Only Night coming up on Friday, April 8, 6-8pm; April 15 we have an Outdoor Adventure to Graylag. Keep your eyes open for permission slips and more information coming soon! *PYW*



Cooks Corner

We hope you enjoyed the 'Maple Month' series. We'll end the month with two more savory recipes, both from my kitchen.

Maple Garlic Marinated Pork Tenderloin is great either on the grill or roasted in the oven. The Salmon with Maple Syrup Beurre Blanc is simple and just so lovely. If you're curious, beurre blanc is a seasoned butter sauce that is traditionally flavored with wine, shallots and either vinegar or lemon juice, and is normally served with fish. Here we add maple syrup and cream to the sauce for an elegant and delicious presentation. We close out this series with a very warm and special thanks to our friends Corine Miller, Jean Cram, Marty Brennan, and Martha Moloy for sharing your wonderful maple recipes with all of us. Bon appetit! MP Christakos

Maple Garlic Marinated Pork Tenderloin

- 1 pork tenderloin package (2 pieces)
- 2 TBSP Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 1 cup maple syrup

Combine mustard, sesame oil, garlic, ground pepper, and maple syrup. Marinate the pork in the sauce in a large zip lock bag for 8 hours or overnight.

Remove pork from marinade. Transfer the remaining marinade to a small saucepan, heat to just boiling then reduce heat and simmer until it thickens.

Meanwhile, you can either grill the pork or you can roast it in the oven. If roasting, heat oven to 425. Place the pork on a rack inside a rimmed baking sheet. Roast for 45 minutes.

Serve the meat with the heated sauce. We love this served with a side of corn casserole or acorn squash or mashed rutabaga. If there are any leftovers, this pork also makes a terrific sammie with cole slaw!

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Pan Fried Salmon with Maple Beurre Blanc

2 salmon fillets (6 to 8 oz each) ³/₄ cup maple syrup, divided 3 TBSP butter, divided 2 TBSP minced shallots ¹/₄ cup dry white wine 2 TBSP heavy cream 1 TBSP vegetable oil Salt & pepper Coarse salt

Place salmon in a shallow bowl, add ½ cup maple syrup, toss gently to coat and let the fish marinate on the kitchen counter while you prepare the sauce.

Melt 2 TBSP butter in a saute pan over medium heat; add shallots and saute until softened, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add wine, simmer until nearly evaporated, 3 to 4 minutes. Whisk in cream, simmer until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add remaining ¼ cup maple syrup and simmer until thickened again, about 3 minutes. Off heat, whisk in remaining 1 TBSP butter until smooth. Transfer sauce to a bowl and keep warm.

Wipe out the saute pan. Remove salmon from marinade, pat the fish dry with paper towels and season with salt & pepper. Heat vegetable oil in the saute pan and add the salmon <u>skin side up</u>. Cook the salmon 3 to 4 minutes. Carefully flip the fish over and cook another 4 minutes. While still in the pan, gently remove the skin and discard.

Serve the salmon with the maple beurre blanc sauce, sliced lemons, and a little coarse salt. Mashed potatoes, fresh steamed green beans, or broccoli are lovely alongside this elegant dish.

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 may contact us via email at <u>pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org</u> or by mail at Pittsfield News, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263



Upcoming Lenten and Easter Services

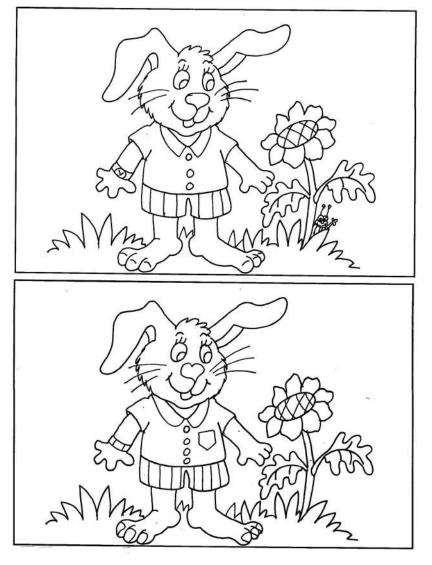
First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service April 10, 10am. Palms will be distributed.

A special Maundy

Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, will be held Thursday, April 14, 7pm.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, <u>7:30am</u>, the customary Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary with breakfast immediately following (about 8:15 am) in the church vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10am with special music by the Chancel Choir and the 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 603 435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak.



Can you find 12 differences?

ANSWERS: Nose, stripes on pants, buttons, pocket, flower petals, flower stripes, leaf veins, toenails, wristwatch, collar, whiskers, bug

haha April Fool's

The Community Center Needs You!

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation is looking for volunteers who would be interested in being considered for the Board of Directors and Advisory Board. PCDC is a nonprofit corporation that runs and operates the Pittsfield Community Center. The board is hoping to find more people interested in helping to keep the Community Center thriving in the future. If you are interested in these positions or would like more

information, please contact us by phone, mail, or email.

Phone number: 603 435- 6729 or 603 290-4068

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Mail: PCDC PO Box 253 Pittsfield, NH 03263

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

You may notice the 'dam' lights are not all shining bright....the light 'fairies' are working on it. Stay tuned.....

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 <u>www.pittsfieldpost.org</u> to download a donation form.

Request for Bids Town of Pittsfield, N.H. Cemetery Maintenance

The Pittsfield Cemetery Trustees are seeking bids for the seasonal maintenance of the following cemeteries:

- Floral Park Cemetery Barnstead Road Map U4 Lot 34
- Quaker Cemetery Berry Pond Road Map R42 Lot 13
- Berry Cemetery Catamount Road Map R22 Lot 4

Bids may be submitted for one or all of the listed cemeteries. The maintenance of each cemetery will be considered separately, as they have been maintained by three different contractors in past years.

Work includes spring leaf and debris cleanup and removal; mowing; weed-cutting and trimming along the various walls and vaults; trimming around markers; pruning of ornamental shrubs; and fall leaf and debris cleanup and removal. Floral Park Cemetery requires up to three to four mowings per month during the growing season and other months when needed. The Quaker and Berry Cemeteries are smaller and require monthly mowing upkeep.

The successful bidder shall maintain the insurances required by the State of NH for the scope of work that is agreed to and shall be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws governing labor and safety while performing the contracted work. Previous experience maintaining cemeteries is preferable. References may be required upon request.

Interested contractors should submit a bid proposal by Friday, April 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., to the Town Administrator, Cara Marston, via email <u>cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov</u> or 85 Main Street, Pittsfield NH 03263.



If you have a computer problem, we can help.

www.VillageTech.net

Selectboard Review March 22, 2022- Full agenda after a month with no regular Meeting!

A request to allow parking on Main Street at the top of Factory Hill, where presently banned, was heard. Item was tabled pending a site meeting of the Police Chief, Road Agent, and two members of the BoS. It will be an action item April 11, when two other changes to the traffic control ordinance will be considered.

There were no bids for the 1991 Case backhoe. Noel will confirm with the Cat dealer about an offer to sell the machine and report back to the Board.

There was a request to purchase an old office chair that we have in storage. A price was set and the potential purchaser informed.

A landlocked 10-acre parcel on Thompson Road owned by the Town will be auctioned in April. The details will be posted on the Town website, as well as newspapers, emails, and direct abutter notices.

Nathan Gaston was hired as a Fire Dept. per diem employee upon the recommendation of the Chief. Volunteers to work at elections, Martha Moloy, Laurie Houle, and Jennifer Tyrell, were approved with thanks, as was Mike Cabral as a voting member of the BCEP.

Numerous land-use change penalties were assessed, along with a number of other housekeeping items. *Carl Anderson*

Elephant Stew

This unforgettable recipe, created by A. Nonymous, promises to capture the attention of your guests this summer at your specially planned get-togethers. So, roll up your sleeves and start early with this "safari" so goody stew!

> large elephant rabbits (optional) gravy salt & pepper

Cut up elephant into bite-sized pcs. (may take up to 2 wks) Put into large kettle with gravy, boiling slightly before simmering.



(may take up to 14 wks before fully cooked)

Serves about 3,685 people. If more are to be expected, 2 rabbits may be added to the recipe.

*Do this last step only if necessary because most people don't enjoy hare in their stew!

APRIL 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays, 10am Library Story Hour

10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays, 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library 10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet 8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays, 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library 10-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet 1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays, 10am Library Story Hour 11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library 8am-4pm Town Hall

- Fridays, 8am-4pm Town Hall 1:50-2:40 PMHS Food Pantry
- Saturdays, 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library 10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Friday, 6:30pm *Encanto,* Family Movie Night, Joy Church

2, Saturday, 8-11am Job Seekers Tour, MSA Globe

4, Monday, 7:30pm American Legion Peterson-Cram Post #75 meeting, Town Hall

5, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6pm "Paying for College 101 For Seniors" PMHS Media Center

6, Wednesday, 6pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, PMHS

6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

7pm Suncook Valley Sno Riders Monthly Meeting, St. George Auto Body, High Street

7, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board meeting PMHS Media Center

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

9, Saturday, 8:30am-Noon Empty Bowls Community Pottery Day , PMHS

8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

9am Easter Egg Hunt, Drake Field- Rain Date is April 16

11, Monday, 6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting PES

12, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Town Hall

13, Wednesday, 4:30pm PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Newmarket, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Newmarket, Tilton Hill

5pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall

14, Thursday, 6:30pm Old Home Day Committee meeting, Community Center

7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

7pm Maundy Thursday service, First Congregational Church

15, Friday No School for Pittsfield Students, Spring Parent-School Conferences

17, Sunday 7:30am Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, First Congregational Church

10am Traditional Easter Service, First Congregational Church

19, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

20, Wednesday, 10:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

4:30pm PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Sunapee, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Sunapee, Tilton Hill

7pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

21, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center

22, Friday, 10am *Pittsfield Post* Volunteer Meeting, Community Center

25, Monday, 4:30pm PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Farmington, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Farmington, Tilton Hill

26, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

27, Wednesday, 5pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

28, Thursday, 6pm Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall

7pm Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall

Do you have a meeting or event you want to share? Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

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