The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share - In honor of Earth Day!

**Congratulations to our PMHS Drama Club**

For their outstanding performance on March 25. Eleven high school students performed The Script, a one act play by Kamron Klitgaard, at the New Hampshire Education Regional Guild (NHETG) Performance Festival at Kingswood Regional High School. Eleventh grader, Micah Sayman, won an award for his portrayal of Ammon. PMHS Drama is directed by Jared Griffin, Elisha Griffin, and Quinn Boyce. PMHS is one of three schools who secured a spot to compete at the NHETG State Festival on April 7-8, 2023 at Gilford High School.

**The Town of Pittsfield** is still accepting applications for a minute taker who will transcribe the minutes of various board meetings, including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Attendance at the meetings is not required, providing a remote-work opportunity with flexible hours! The successful candidate will have excellent transcription and writing skills, possess strong attention to detail and organizational skills, and have the ability to produce minutes of meetings effectively for timely submission. Please submit a Town of Pittsfield employment application, which can be downloaded from our website at: http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov, together with a resume to cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov OR by mail to: Town of Pittsfield, Attn: Town Administrator, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. The Town of Pittsfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**American Legion Scholarship Peterson-Cram Post #75**

Two scholarships will be offered by the Peterson-Cram Post 75 to student(s) from Pittsfield Middle High School in 2023. If interested, please contact your school counselor for details and eligibility requirements.

**Forms must be submitted by May 15, 2023**

Additional American Legion scholarship funds information can be found at: https://legionnh.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards
**Town Crier**

To have an event included in this column, email or call Andi Riel 603-435-6346. pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

**Pittsfield Elementary School** - Mon, April 10th through Thurs, April 13th PES is hosting student conferences and the Book Fair. Holding these two activities at the same time was very successful in the fall. On Thursday, April 13th there is also PTO Literacy night.

**Pittsfield Senior Center** - We are having so much fun with the Exercise program, we would love for you to join us! There are no age limits, you do not have to be a senior, or even come here regularly. Men and women are both welcome. Stand or sit, there are no rules and there is no charge. We hope to see you here! All Are Welcome Mondays & Thursdays 8:15am-9:00am Tuesdays 9:15am-10:00am. Also, we serve brunch every Wednesday at 10:30am; come join friends, play games from 9:00 – 10:30 am and then have brunch. This is a great way to break up the week.

The Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee will meet on Wed, April 12 at 6:30pm at the Community Center, Lower Level. New members are always welcome. Save the Date, Sat, July 22 for Old Home Day and the theme is "Red, White & Blue- It’s All Up to You!" For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 orpittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com.

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 22, 2023. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, 603-435-6346, pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com for more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center or there is a Zoom Meeting option. We are looking for a “contact” person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person or helping in any other way, please contact us. The next meeting is on Mon, April 17 at 6:30pm.

Nathan’s Fight Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is Saturday April 15 from 4-6pm at the Pittsfield Community Center. Every meal includes -Pasta & Choice of Sauce (we will be offering a GF pasta option), Bread, Salad, Water or Juice Bag & Dessert. Cost- $15 -Adult Meal, $10-Kid Meal. All dinners will be served in to-go containers- sit and eat with us or grab your dinner and go. All tickets will be sold at the door but if you know you can make it please RSVP. There will also be a door prize raffle! Find us on Facebook Nathan’s Fight.

The American Legion Pittsfield NH local Chapter 75 is looking for new members. If you have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or you are still serving active military duty honorably, you are eligible for membership. For local Chapter 75 to remain active in the community, the post needs to expand membership. Currently our roster is slightly above the minimum criteria for remaining an active post. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com for more information.

The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is accepting applications for lifeguards, beach attendants, and gate keepers for the 2023 summer season at the Forrest B. Argue Recreational Area. The area will be open Mondays through Fridays. Reimbursements for certifications may be considered. Applications are available on the town website: www.pittsfieldnh.gov or may be picked up at the Town Hall at 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Deadline is Thursday, April 27, 2023.

Happy Birthday wishes to my sister, Robin Grainger Blais on Mon, April 10 and to Rick Chase Saturday April 15. I hope you both enjoy your special day!
Melopita (Greek Honey Cheesecake)
April 16th is Orthodox Easter and I’m sharing two Greek recipes that my family has enjoyed for years. It’s another mini series. This week, we’re featuring Melopita (honey cheesecake). In Greek, the word “meli” means honey. This is a very traditional cake and most commonly served with chopped walnuts on top, but I’ve also served this drizzled with honey and then topped with cut and sugared fresh berries. Enjoy!

Olive oil for the pan
1 lb ricotta cheese
1 cup 2% plain Greek yogurt
3 eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup honey, plus more for serving (preferably Greek honey if you can find it)
Grated zest from 1 lemon
3 TBSP all purpose flour
¼ cup granulated sugar
Ground cinnamon, for garnish

Heat oven to 350. Coat a 9-inch springform pan with olive oil, line it with a round of parchment paper (cut to fit the bottom) and lightly oil the paper.
In a large bowl, combine the ricotta, yogurt, eggs, ½ cup honey, lemon zest, flour and sugar. Beat thoroughly with an electric mixer.
Pour the batter into the pan and gently tap it against a hard surface to release any air bubbles.

Bake the melopita for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the filling sets. Remove cake from the oven and let cool. Refrigerate the cake for 2 to 3 hours.

Run a knife around the inside of the pan and release the sides. Invert the cake onto a serving plate. Carefully remove the bottom of the cake pan and the parchment paper.

To serve, sprinkle the top with a little cinnamon, drizzle with honey, all over and add chopped walnuts. You can also serve this cake topped with sliced strawberries and blueberries, that have been tossed in a little bit of sugar.

Last week Cyril and I worked on the $15.6B State budget. In a surprising move, the Leaders of the House came up with a bipartisan amendment that satisfied both groups.

Successes for both parties include:
- Passing HB1 and HB2 gave the House essential control of the budget process.
- A new Education Adequacy formula increased overall funding and targeted the towns that most needed it.

Wins for the Republicans:
- The elimination of the Interest Dividend Tax is accelerated.
- Education Freedom Account (EFA) applicants will not require a minimum of one-year of enrollment in public school.
- The Department of Education to not administer the EFA.
- Medicaid Expansion is limited to two years.
- The governor’s power to impose a state of emergency will be limited.

Wins for the Democrats:
- The expansion of EFA programs is removed.
- The EFA budget is reduced.
- The Affordable Housing budget is increased.

HB 639 for the adult-use legalization of cannabis passed (272 - 109).

Cyril and I believe that the budget still needs to be improved. We are clearly beginning a long process to be completed by June 30. Since the state constitution requires a balanced budget, we hope to see a reduction in spending.

Sincerely, Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures
HELP WANTED
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Daily literacy building activities to share with your child

Help your child stack blocks as high as you can. Count each block as you add it. How many can you stack before it tumbles over?

A few emails of “CLIMATEGATE”

Briffa, “It was just as warm 1,000yrs ago but I’ve got pressure to produce a picture of “unprecedented warming in over 1,000yrs”.

Wigley, “I’ve got to fix sea surface temperatures to make the results look both warmer but still plausible.”

Jones, “If McIntyre requests our emails under Freedom of Information Act I will delete rather than hand them over.”

Obama knew Al Gore’s past statements of the oceans flooding our shores by 2012 were ludicrous or why would he invest millions in beach-front property?

Submitted by Kathy Holmes