

# PITTSFIELD POST

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**“To succeed in life you need three things: a wishbone a backbone and a funny bone”** *Reba McEntire*



## Looking for something fun to do on St. Patrick's Day?

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and here are some ways for you and your lucky charm to celebrate at our local businesses.

Danis will feature their own gray cured beef for \$6.69, from March 9 through the 15. They will also have special pricing on all of the traditional sides, potatoes, turnips, and carrots. Mike's Meat Shoppe will also offer their own house cured corned beef, along with ham, six different flavors of bacon, cabbage, potatoes and turnips. Place your order for cured corned beef now!

Jitters will again host their St. Patrick's Day feast on Tuesday, March 17, serving from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Bring your appetite. They're planning corned beef and cabbage, carrots, boiled potatoes, turnip, soda bread, and for dessert there will be fruit cup, homemade pudding and green cupcakes. All will be served buffet style for \$15.95, all you can eat. There'll be green carnations for purchase as well.

Main Street Grill and Bar will feature live music from Brian Booth from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. They'll also have two beer specials, Harpoon the Craic for just \$3.00 and Wormtown, (and Irish red ale) for \$4.00 for a pint. In addition to their regular menu, they will have house cured corned beef with "the works", including a house beer mustard on the side. Main Street will also offer Bangers & Mash, (beer steamed sausage, mashed potatoes and carmelized onion in a brown gravy). And for dessert there will be Bailey's Mint cheesecake, plus several other St. Paddy's Day sweet treats. They will be serving from noon to 8:00pm.

## Cooks Corner Irish Soda Bread Muffins

2 and ¼ cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
¼ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 and ½ cups currants (or raisins as a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)  
1 and ½ to 2 teaspoons caraway seeds  
2 large eggs  
1 cup plain yogurt or sour cream (do not use fat-free)  
6 Tbsp melted butter  
Coarse sugar for topping

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease standard muffin tins, or line with muffin cup papers that have been sprayed with cooking spray.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, currants and caraway seeds.

In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, yogurt or sour cream and melted butter.

Stir the dry and wet ingredients together. As soon as everything is combined – stop stirring. But the dough will be very sticky.

Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tin / paper liners. Top with sprinkled coarse sugar, if desired. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean / dry.

Serve with butter, jam, marmalade, honey and enjoy a taste of Ireland! I've been making Irish Soda Bread since I was a young girl, and this recipe is exactly right, just adapted to muffin form. These freeze reasonably well, but not for long periods of time.

*MP Christakos*

## **PITTSFIELD TOWN CRIER**

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### **Wednesday, March 11, 6pm PES**

PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting. For more information, contact [pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org)

### **Thursday, March 12, 5:00pm PES Cafeteria and Library**

PES and Title I present a night with "All My Friends Are Giants". Author Aaron Jones and designer Lindy Borden will join us to speak about the writing and illustrating process for their new book "All My Friends are Giants" on Thursday, March 12 at the PES Café and Library. Free pizza and drinks at 5pm and the program will start at 5:30pm. Every family in attendance will receive a free autographed copy of the book.

### **Saturday, March 14, 10am-1pm Clarks Grain Store**

The NH Beagle Club and Clark's Grain Store are hosting a Rabies Clinic on Saturday., March 14 from 10am-1pm at Clark's Grain Store.

### **Tuesday, March 17, 9-11am First Congregational Church**

The Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry will be open on Tuesday, March 17 from 9-11am at the First Congregational Church. Young families are given supplemental diapers and wipes. Everyone is welcome. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. Monetary and product contributions are always welcome. Please call the church at 435-7471 to arrange drop-off.

### **Tuesday, March 17, 10:30am Senior Center**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Kevin Durk will perform festive songs, followed by a traditional Irish luncheon.

### **Friday, March 20, 11am Senior Center**

First Day of Spring Cookout and Meals on Wheels fundraiser. \$5.00 donation per meal with all proceeds going to MOW. Come, visit with friends, eat, and support a good cause.

### **Monday, March 23, 6pm PMHS**

Planning meeting for the Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion. We are looking for ONE member from each Class to act as the Key Contact person – to contact their own classmates and inform them about the reunion. INTERESTED??? Please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Tuesday March 24, 3-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library**

125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reception, with special presentations at 3:30 and 5pm.

Save the dates to restore and relax: Sundays, April 19 and May 17. **Embodied Restorative Yoga**, Every month no yoga experience needed. Go to [Hypnotherapy Near Me | Pittsfield NH | Growing Harmony Services](#) for additional information and to register.

**Pittsfield Youth Baseball Assoc (PYBA)** is holding a raffle. Cash prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$750, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$500. PYBA is selling only 1000 tickets and 3 of them will be winners of cold, hard cash! PYBA players will be getting their tickets soon to sell, Tickets are \$10 each.

**The PMHS Athletic Department** is actively looking for a: Girls Junior Varsity Softball Coach and Girls Varsity Assistant Softball Coach. The game schedule begins April 13th and continues to May 27th. Previous experience playing and or coaching is preferred but not required. We will work and educate an interested and motivated applicant. All interested applicants should contact Jay Darrah, Director of Athletics at [jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org).

**The Victory Workers 4-H Club** will be holding their annual Flower Fundraiser. Hanging baskets and window boxes will be sold – prices range from \$22-25. Orders are due by April 1. Contact your favorite 4-H member/family to purchase some beautiful flowers.

**JOANN** stores across the country help 4-H clubs receive critical resources to bring more hands-on programs to local youth. This year, starting March 1-April 30, visit your local JOANN store and purchase a "Pay It Forward" tear away at register for either \$1 or \$4 and help to Inspire a Child's Creativity through 4-H. If you donate \$4, JOANN will give you a coupon to use on a future purchase.

Please help support **PES FOOD 4 KIDS**. This program sends bags of food home on weekends for a large amount of children in our community. For the month of March every time the reusable \$2.50 Fight Hunger bag is sold, at the Hannaford Store, 73 Fort Eddy Rd Concord, Pittsfield Elementary Food 4 kids will receive a \$1.00 donation.

The **Pittsfield Historical Society** continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. The grounds will include a commemorative garden. A "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

### July 11, 2020

Save the date, July 11, 2020 for Old Home Day! The theme is "RED, WHITE & BLUE. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!" Interpret it however you would like to – lots of ideas to go with!!

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Uncle Paul Davis last Sunday; to Stan Bailey Monday; to Rick Davis on Wednesday and to Joe Davis on Friday. I hope you ALL enjoy your special day!

From Ruth Strickhart – There's not enough ways to say **Thank You** to all the people that planned and prepared my 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the First Congregational Church. It was fabulous! I also want to thank my many dear old friends and new friends who helped me celebrate. Love and God Bless, *Ruth*

### Josiah Carpenter Library 1895-2020

From 1895 to 1901, the library operated out of the G.H. Colbath Drug Store. The annual appropriation from the Town of Pittsfield began at \$173.00 and gradually increased to \$175.00. Mr. Colbath was paid \$25.00 each year to serve as librarian, and the library collection increased to 2536 books. Currently the library owns 12,906 physical items and provides access to over 500,000 items through digital library services.

The 125th Birthday Reception which will be held on Tuesday March 24th from 3-6pm at the library. Leading up to the reception, 125 pictures of birthday cakes are being hidden in the library. Visit the library, find a cake, and claim a small prize. In addition, visitors can contribute to a display of their favorite books (you can have more than one!), or library memories.

### Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Counting: Count blocks as your child stacks them.

### Pittsfield Critter Count 2020



Snuggle Buddies Noelle and Tucker Allard



Buddy the turtle

Here are some more critters. They live with Rose and Finley, the Golden Retrievers you met last week.

The snuggle buddies are siblings, Noelle and Tucker. Noelle is a tortoiseshell calico cat and she loves to chase butterflies and bugs. She once caught a hummingbird on the wing – which was subsequently rescued and released unharmed. Tucker is a tuxedo cat and enjoys hunting big game – turkeys and deer! Luckily he's not captured any of those.

Buddy the turtle lives in our pond. He comes when I call him – if Rose and Finley are not swimming at the time – and will eat treats from my hand. There are other turtles in the pond, as well as horned pout, frogs, snakes and leeches. Every once in a while we have a visit from an immense snapping turtle. I've named him The Behemoth, and I think he actually lives in a larger, nearby pond, and comes by to see what's happening in the little pond. *Gail Allard*

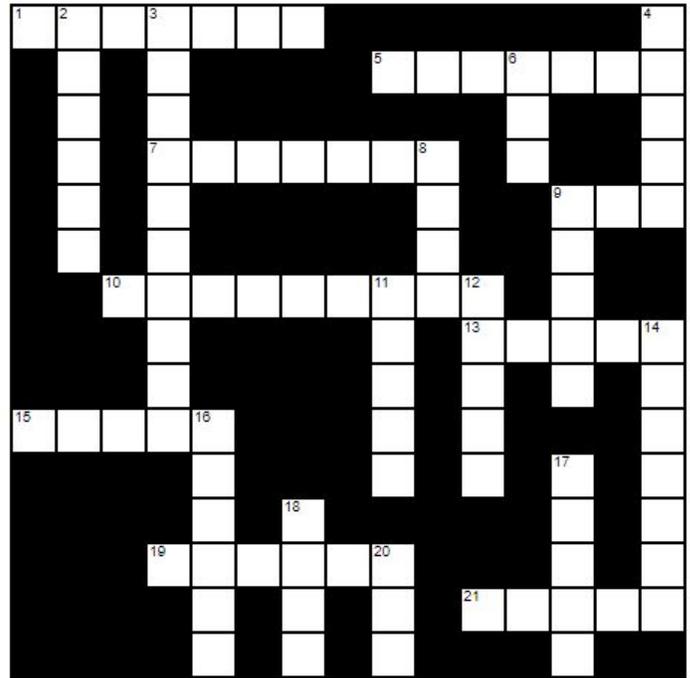
## St. Patrick's Day

### Across

1. Country in Europe
5. More happy
7. Follow this to get to the pot of gold
9. Not woman
10. Symbol of St. Patrick's Day
13. If you come from Ireland
15. Not solemn
19. Another word for shamrock
21. To have luck

### Down

2. A mischievous person
3. Little Irish man
4. Color of Leprechaun's clothing
6. What the gold is in
8. One foot in front of the other
9. Events that are mysterious
11. Gold pieces
12. Whimsical
14. A day to celebrate
16. The color of gold coins
17. The month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
18. Somewhere \_\_\_\_\_ the rainbow
20. A color on the rainbow



## Bailey Ramblings

As I write this story on March 6th, you will be reading it on March 11. Due to warm weather and high winds on March 4 and 5 the Bailey Hotel leans to the north just a wee bit. It could take the plunge before you read this story.

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club thanks the Globe/MSA and Tom Vetras for allowing the Bailey Hotel on their pond for our fundraiser. Maybe next year we will have more than 6 inches of ice to work with. In addition, thanks to Danis supermarket, Bell Brothers, Jitters, Main Street Variety, Chichester Country Store, Barnstead Country Store, Blueberry Station and Globe lunch room. Mike Wolfe and Andi Riel, thank you for helping me with my ice capades.

The hotel will be closed for renovations until next winter. Our webcam is on site and you can go to [outhouseplunge.org](http://outhouseplunge.org) for updates.

Bye for now, *O'Bailey*

Dear *O'Bailey*: We would like to know how your hotel will be fished out of the pond. Please let us know.  
Sincerely, *The Post Team*



Bailey Hotel as of March 6



Shamrock Tree at Mike's Meats *MP Christakos*

### Advertising in the Post

Due to frequent requests for the Post to include advertisements, the volunteer team has decided to begin accepting ads. The cost range is from \$80.00 for a full page ad, to \$3.00 for a brief classified ad. Full guidelines and order forms are located at [www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org](http://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org)

### Classified

### Help Wanted

#### Seasonal Help Wanted

**Attn: Students!** Vintage Hill, LLC, a residential care home for the elderly, is seeking part-time seasonal help to assist with various tasks, to include but not limited to gardening, yard work, outside cleanup, etc. Candidate must be at least 16 years of age. 10-15 hours per week.

Apply at 10 Berry Avenue, Pittsfield.  
(603) 435-5133

#### Substitute Yard Work and Snow Removal

The Josiah Carpenter Library is seeking on-call help for outdoor yard work and snow removal. Apply at 41 Main Street, Pittsfield. 435-8406.

### Pittsfield Critter Count 2020

Keep sending the *Post* all the details about your critters! [pittsfieldnew@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnew@pnhcc.org) How many breeds of chickens, goats and more reside in Pittsfield? We will publish the final tally in early April.

### Historical Society Insulation



A huge thank you to Shane Ricci, Kenneth Robb, and Dan and Joel Schroth for helping to insulate the second floor of the new Pittsfield Historical Society Building on Factory Hill.

### FB Argue Recreation Area Summer Employment

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission is beginning planning for the 2020 summer season at the FB Argue Recreation Area, also known as the town beach. We are looking for qualified applicants for the positions of director, assistant director, lifeguards, and gate keepers. Knowledge of CPR and water safety are basic requirements for all positions. We can arrange for CPR training.

We are considering staggered hours for gate keepers so that young people who apply could work part of the day and swim with their friends the other part of the day. Being 21, is a requirement for the director position. Lifeguards will need current lifeguard certification which is available through Swim NH or the YMCA. Applications are available from the Town Hall or online on the Town of Pittsfield, NH website. Applications should be turned in at the Pittsfield Town Hall by March 27, 2020.

Don't give bacteria a **FREE** ride - wash your hands!!



**St. Patrick's Day Answers**



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