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Can you find the hidden ? (There are three)

April 1, 2020

“One of the best hearing aids a man can have is an attentive wife.” — *The Marx Brothers*

Pittsfield's Hidden Gems

It looks like there's more to Pittsfield's tagline, Gem of the Suncook Valley, than we ever realized. Any day now, Odyssey Explorers out of Florida will be conducting detailed surveys of the Suncook Valley with Pittsfield as the focal point. What's behind this effort? Recovering gems stolen from a wealthy Boston land baron in the 1870's.

Odyssey spokesperson Harvey Trickster noted that their work will be largely aerial - conducted via hot air balloon and a fleet of 13 drones. Odyssey is currently working with the FAA to secure the necessary permits. Mr. Trickster hinted that the land baron was a frequent passenger on the Blueberry Express, and he always stepped off the train in Pittsfield.

Odyssey specializes in recovering lost artifacts from around the world. The firm gained notoriety in the 1990's when they recovered a European sword which is widely believed to have been King Arthur's.

If found, the gems will be turned over to the insurance company that originally covered the loss. Neither the company nor insurer has offered any comment regarding the value of the gems. Odyssey's work is expected to be completed April 1, 2021.

SUNCOOK RIVER TO BE DRAINED

The search for Jimmy Hoffa continues.

The Teamsters Union has announced that in its continuing effort to locate former Union President James A. Hoffa, the search will now include the bed of the Suncook River.

In order to facilitate the search, the pool behind the dam in Pittsfield will be drained on 1 April 2020. A fishing ban has been ordered by the NH Fun and Games Department.

Mr. Hoffa, who disappeared in 1975, has been the subject of much searching. When asked why the effort has been extended to NH, a union official said 'Well, we've looked everywhere else, so we might as well try Pittsfield'.

The *Post* asked the NH Department of Environment and Mental Quality, which is responsible for the dam, how long the pool will remain dry. Spokesman Cosmo Stolfus stated that it would be about until water began running over the spillway.

Early Morning Discovery at Library Barn

On the morning of March 24, library director Leslie Vogt noticed footprints in the fresh snow around the library barn. Because the hill behind the barn isn't great for either sledding or snowman building, she decided to investigate. A large solar panel was discovered behind the barn, with a cord going into the barn, and a new heavy duty padlock no longer matched the barn keys.

After determining that no town officials or employees were responsible for the padlock or the solar panel, Officer Joe DiGeorge used bolt cutters to cut off the lock. Inside, a large chest freezer was being powered via battery backup of the solar power electricity. The freezer contained meat, primarily chicken and hamburger, and a lot of Hood ice cream - most flavors contained chocolate chips.

It is believed that a large local family, or maybe a neighborhood, was in dire need of a place to store some of their food stuffs to live through our current state stay-at-home. The installation was certainly ingenious.

The freezer and its contents have been relocated to the food pantry so that the food can be given to families in need. If the owner of the freezer comes forward before 10am on April 2, and they fully confess to how they set up the barn without being seen, they will be able to reclaim a portion of their food and the freezer, if they still need it. The solar panel and battery will be installed at the police station to provide emergency power to the dispatch equipment. Some of the ice cream has been claimed in lieu of a cash rental payment for unauthorized use of town property. Leslie shares that mint chocolate chip is a personal favorite.

Largest Turtle Ever at the Town Beach

Minnie Plante was out for a drive when she called in a startling discovery. "Imagine my surprise when I went by the Town Beach and saw a big old turtle at *least* three feet round waddling out of the water onto the beach. As I stood there watching, the turtle lay there in the early spring sun to warm itself and dry out. All of a sudden it started digging in the sand and before I knew it, there was a huge hole in that beach. She started walking around that hole almost like she was in a trance. That turtle started squeezing and squeezing! Out came at least 100 turtle eggs. The eggs were every color of the rainbow!

As soon as the last egg was laid, she started covering those eggs with sand. The eggs were truly magnificent. I think we will have to wait until Easter morning to see how many of those eggs hatch."

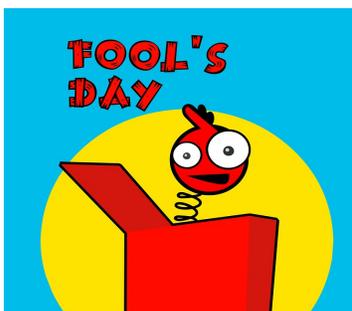
Civil War Research Comes to Pittsfield

The Pittsfield Historical Association has joined the National Society of Historians, and will be participating in a national research project.

The object of the project will be to find an answer to a question which has been bugging a few historians for a while now. They want to find out: **WHY WERE SO MANY CIVIL WAR BATTLES FOUGHT IN NATIONAL PARKS?**

Pittsfield residents may expect to see Historians prowling around looking for the answer. Or maybe not.

ROAD CLOSURES effective Wednesday, April 1. It has been announced by the town that effective April 1 **ALL** roads with one or more frost heaves will be closed until further notice. Questions/comments may be directed to A. Fools!



Did WE fool YOU???

Can you find 15 differences?



1. Why is everyone really tired on April Fool's Day?
2. If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?
3. What is in the middle of April and March, but not at the beginning or end of either one?
4. What spring flower is seen on people's faces?

Josiah Carpenter Library

Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Writing: Write letters in the steam that forms on windows, the dust on your car, or the sand at the park.

Town Crier

Andi Riel at 435-6346 or
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

A Call to All Veterans: show the people of Pittsfield your pride. Participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 30, 2020 in Pittsfield, NH. No matter what era you served, come and help us recognize veterans. Selectman LeDuc at 603-470-6942/603-435-8770.

PHS All Class Reunion is being planned for July 2020

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. Please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

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. 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 for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

Pittsfield Youth Baseball Assoc (PYBA) is holding a raffle. Cash prizes – 1st - \$1,000, 2nd- \$750, and 3rd- \$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. Drawing will be held on May 17th at 6pm. Winners need not be present to win.

Pittsfield Old Home Day! Save the date, July 11, 2020 for Old Home Day! The theme is "RED, WHITE & BLUE. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!"

Pittsfield Globe Community Grant Fund

Are you associated with a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization? The fund was established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company and is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns in the Suncook Valley. Email GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Cook's Corner Corn Casserole



Tired of the same ol', same ol' sides? We thought so. Here's one that's certain to be a regular on your menu rotation. This casserole is great for a weeknight dinner; when you need to bring a dish; or even for a special occasion. A fun leftover idea – make 'meatballs' of the cold casserole and saute them in a pan with a little oil and butter, until they're browned all around and heated through. Mini cornbread 'meatballs' are super fun to serve with a bowl of chili or your favorite soup.

Recipe

2 eggs

1 cup sour cream (light is fine)

½ cup melted butter (1 stick)

16 oz can whole kernel corn, DRAINED

16 oz can cream style corn, DO NOT DRAIN

1 box "Jiffy" brand corn muffin mix

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients, excluding cheese. Pour into a greased, glass baking dish. Bake in a 350 oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the center is done. Use a cake tester or small knife to test. If it comes out clean, you're good to go.

Remove from the oven and put cheese on top. Return to the oven for 15 minutes.

Yum-o with baked fish or crispy 'oven fried' chicken. Also great with jumbo grilled shrimp and a salad, or pan grilled chicken sausage and coleslaw.

Changes at the BCEP Transfer Station

As a result of the COVID-19 health crisis, effective immediately and until further notice, BCEP is accepting only residential household trash (max of 4 bags per patron).

The following changes are now in place:

*Recyclables will not be collected or processed.

*The following items will not be collected: construction debris, tires, batteries, propane tanks, electronics, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses/box springs, paint, waste & cooking oil, antifreeze.

The building is not open to the general public. All trash drop off will take place under the roof normally used for construction and metal disposal.

Pittsfield Schools Adapt to Remote Learning

Along with all public schools throughout New Hampshire, Pittsfield's schools have shifted to remote learning delivery of instruction for our students. Remote learning will continue through at least May 4.

On Thursday, March 19 students/families picked up their learning materials. The materials included assignments, textbooks, and supplies (such as art supplies), as well as loaner computers. Mobile "hotspots" have also been provided to families who do not currently have internet service in their homes.

Homeroom teachers check in with all students daily; attendance is being taken and recorded. While most students have been marked "present", our absentee rate is a bit above the usual. Teachers provide daily instruction, and answer student and family questions. Thursday's will continue to serve as pickup / delivery days for learning materials.

Special education students and Title I students continue to receive services according to plans; paraprofessionals and related service providers continue to work with students. In some cases, students have received direct services at the schools in small groups and in concert with guidance on social distancing. School counselors continue to support students as well.

Thanks to a waiver provided to the district, all students are eligible for free meals; deliveries of lunches and breakfasts for the following day are made each day between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm via school bus delivery to all interested families. Meals are varied; for example, lunches include wraps, PBJ sandwiches, and other cold meal options. Learning materials may also be delivered during the daily bus runs.

The district is providing twice-weekly updates to families; these updates are also posted every Monday and Thursday on the district's website. Adjustments to planned activities, such as conferences, school building accessibility, etc., are announced via the twice-weekly updates.

Many community members have reached out to offer support to our students and school operations. The understanding of our Pittsfield community during this challenging time is greatly appreciated.

John Freeman, Superintendent of Schools

Terry Lynn Brune

Terry Lynn Brune passed away on March 15, 2020, after a battle with cancer. He died at his home in Pittsfield, peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by loving family. He was 71.

Born November 26, 1948 in Topeka, Kansas to Carl Morris Brune and Dorothy (Roberts) Brune, Terry graduated from Washburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music in 1976, and from Notre Dame College with a Master's Degree in Education in 1998. He was a proud member of the UAW and of the New Hampshire SEIU. He worked for many years in the Pittsfield School district, most of them working with at-risk and special education students. He then moved to the NH Department of Education where he worked as a consultant on special education until his retirement.

Terry dedicated much of his life to standing up for the most vulnerable among us. He loved antiques, technology, motorcycles, guitars, and was infinitely generous. He was utterly dedicated to his family.

Terry is survived by his wife of 37 years, Roxanne (Poland) Brune, and sons Nathan and Alexander. No services will be held, in accordance with his wishes.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Everybody's friend: **BUDDY**, Cocker Spaniel
Bev & Rene Drolet

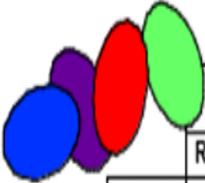
Keep sending the **Post** details about your critters! pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org How many types of chickens, goats and more reside in Pittsfield? We promise to publish the final tally next week.

Squigley's Easter Logic Puzzle

Mrs. Brown helped her four children to color eggs for Easter. The two boys and two girls are 2, 4, 7 and 9 years old. Their names are Sarah, Amanda, Joey and Tommy. They colored two eggs each, one a solid colour and one was the same colour with a white stripe. How old is each child, and what color did they use for their eggs?

Clues:

- Mrs Brown had to help the youngest boy and girl. The oldest child liked a color that starts with the letter B.
- Tommy is 7 years old and his brother's favourite colour is red.
- Amanda and Sarah are very happy to be sisters and they both liked the same color. When they are finished they are going to switch their striped eggs, then they will each have a blue and a purple egg.
- Joey is not the youngest child.
-  The child with the blue striped egg helped the child with the purple striped egg when Mrs. Brown was helping Joey.
- Sarah kind of likes purple too.



	Egg Colours				Ages			
	Red	Blue	Green	Purple	2	4	7	9
Sarah								
Amanda								
Joey								
Tommy								
2								
4								
7								
9								




Expansion to Josiah Carpenter Digital Library

TumbleBooks, a world leader in online children's books, announced it will make its family of online libraries available for free to all libraries until at least August 31. Its flagship product, TumbleBookLibrary is a collection of animated talking picture books, read-alongs, books, quizzes, lesson plans, and educational games. TumbleBooks are easy to use, and feature unlimited access from home! There are books for all ages, children through adults. You can read as many books as you want, when you want, and on any device. There are no check-outs, holds, or downloads. Books are available instantly. Go to josahcarpenterlibrary.org to get started. If you would like to get a library card to access the digital library call 435-8406 or email lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov



Jack's Pizza Gets Creative for Customers!

In addition to the tasty carryout menu Jack's continues to offer, there's another reason to swing by the store. On the outside of the building, the staff posted excellent information about resources to access during this virus crisis, everything from how to get assistance for utilities, to unemployment benefits and more. Special shout out to all our friends at Jack's! Thanks for your ongoing support for our Pittsfield community.

Squigley's Easter Logic Puzzle Answer

Sarah, age 9, colored her egg blue.
Amanda, age 2, colored her egg purple.
Joey, age 4, colored his egg red.
Tommy, age 7, colored his egg green.

Riddle Answers

1. Because they just finished a long March.
2. Pilgrims
3. The letter R
4. 2-Lips / Tulips

Spot the Difference



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Do you have an interesting story to tell, or maybe you want to share info with your friends and neighbors? Are you a member of a community group that has news to share? Send us your news by noon on Friday. pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

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2-1-1

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