

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Work smarter, not harder - Author unknown

February 28, 2024

Victory Workers at Merrimack County 4-H Food Show



On Feb. 10, 17 members of Victory Workers attended and participated in a variety of activities offered at the Merrimack County 4-H Food Show. These activities included food art, place settings, charcuterie boards, and the soup-er bowl. Food art allows kids to learn how to arrange food creatively and make designs or settings for people to enjoy. Place settings have kids collect matching dishes to make a setting going along with a theme, they must make a menu and have the appropriate dishes for the

courses and drinks. Charcuterie boards are similar to food art but less settings and designs, and more focused on an organized, healthy, eye-appealing board filled with delicious snacks. The soup-er bowl requires groups of two or three people to make a soup at home and bring it in a crock-pot to the event. After bringing the soup they must serve the soup and people can add to it items like cheese, parsley, bread, and croutons that the contestants bring with their soups. After the people taste the soups, they can cast a vote for their favorite. The winners of the popular vote are awarded a ladle and a blue ribbon. New this year, the public could make their own grilled cheese at a station with griddle, bread, cheese, meats, avocado, peppers and more. Overall, there were six clubs, and four independent members attending. Thank you to parents and volunteers who attended, and congratulations to those who won the soup challenge. Hope to see everyone next year! *Addison Babcock*, Co-Reporter of Victory Workers 4-H Club



Save The Date – March 9 – Spaghetti Dinner

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group will host their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 9, from 5-7pm at the Pittsfield Fire House. Donations will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward helping the Support Group to purchase critical supplies for our fire department. There will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Pack up the family and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you.

Letters from the Pittsfield School Board Candidates begin on page four. To help inform our readers about the School District and Town of Pittsfield elections, the **PITTSFIELD POST** will print a special edition on March 6, 2024.

Pittsfield Town Crier - To have an event included call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Winterfest 2024- PES PTO is collaborating with local organizations to help sponsor winter break fun for the kids. Tuesday, Feb. 27 - two Scavenger Hikes (please dress appropriately) 10am - Drake Field at the Tennis Courts and 2pm at Sargent Town Forest; Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10am- - Breakfast & Bingo (Place TBD); Thursday, Feb. 29, 10am - Storybook Tea Party and crafts at Josiah Carpenter Library. Dress like your favorite storybook character and join us for crafts, games, snacks, cookie decorating, storytime, photo backdrop/selfie station and giveaways. Space is limited. Please call the Library at 603-435-8406 and reserve a spot; and Friday, March 1 at 6:30pm - Movie Night at PES. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Thanks to PTO, Historical Society, Victory Workers 4-H club and Josiah Carpenter Library.

Monday, March 4, 6:30pm - The American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

Monday, March 4, 6:30pm - The Victory Workers 4-H Club will meet at the PES Cafe.

Tuesday, March 5, 9-11am - First Congregational Church, the Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry will be open for families to receive supplemental diapers, now once every month. Each family receives diapers/product per child in need, and one package of wipes per family. We generally have NB through size 6 diapers, along with pull-ups and overnights. We use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate your donations. Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages) and donations of wipes are always welcomed. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions.

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Wednesday, March 6, 7pm - The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders Club will meet at the Fire Station.

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30pm - The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Meet the Candidates Night at the PMHS Lecture Hall. Each candidate has been invited to attend. Come with your questions and meet the people running for Town and School

positions. Snow date is Thursday, March 7.

Saturday, March 9 - Deadline for registration for "Open Mic Night" at the Scenic Theatre. Show date is Sat, March 23. Are you an artist looking to share your craft? How about someone who has always had a passion, but perhaps has never gotten on to a stage and shared it with others? Put a plan in place to be seen and heard with a stage all your own by signing up to join us on March 23. More information and a form to register can be found on the Pittsfield Players website at [/www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) Must be 16 years of age or older to perform. Note: A buy-in of \$10 per group member is required to perform at this event. ALL of the artist buy-in fees will go towards awarding the night's claimed victors.

PYW is open for regular drop in hours - 3-6pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri and 1-6pm on Wednesdays. Please contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or email info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

Pittsfield Senior Center Schedule Monday & Thursdays – 8am-2pm and Wednesdays 7:30am –1pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 12pm; Bingo M & TH – 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – W-10am-12pm; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies- M & W at 9am and Chair Yoga- TH at 9am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482.

Breakfast Bingo - what a combination! Every other Wednesday the center will be serving breakfast at 9:30am then bingo will follow from 10-11:45am. Our "Breakfast Bingo" dates will be March 13 & 27. Cribbage players are still welcome. We have plenty of room for both groups to be going on at the same time.

Sunday Bingo hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association. There is a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at noon and bingo starts at 2:30pm at 48 Airport Road in Concord.

Updated Wish List - Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of the following items throughout the year and would greatly appreciate any and all donations from patrons and town residents: powdered lemonade mix, fruit snacks, sandwich/quart and gallon zipper storage bags, party favors/prizes, ribbon, buttons, paper napkins, glue dots, jumbo craft sticks, dish

soap, apple juice. All of these items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in various adult and children's programming provided by the library. Donations from you would allow for the annual budget to provide more for patrons throughout the year.

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the **Globe Community Fund**? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community well-being with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

The Town of Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is effective through April 15. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or right of way between the hours of 10pm and 7am.

Suncook Sno-Riders Club members are selling tickets for their annual Winter Raffle. 1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize: \$300, 3rd Prize: \$200 and 10 \$100 prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be at our club meeting on March 6; you do not need to be present to win. Please see a club member for tickets.

Pittsfield Hoops 603 Heatwave Camp - Summer basketball camp for Grades 1-6 at the PMHS Gym. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. \$40. July 15-19, 9am-1pm for Grades 1-3, and July 29-Aug. 2, 9am-1pm for Grades 4-6. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Coach Stratton at 603-341-2691 or pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com Sign up today on our website to reserve your spot in something great - <https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/pittsfieldhoops603>

Local Election Absentee Ballot applications are available on the town website www.pittsfieldnh.gov or at the Town Clerk's office.

Happy Birthday wishes to Dave Johonnett on Thurs, Feb. 29 - Happy Leap Year Birthday! to Nick Tuttle on Fri, March 1; to Cathie Tuttle and to my sister-in-law, Terry Riel on Sat, March 2. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

NH Educational Theater Guild March 9 at PMHS

Save the Date! March 9 is the NHETG (New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild) Regional Theater Festival at PMHS. Pittsfield Drama Club will be performing their one-act show *Discovering Rogue*. Students, staff, and volunteers have been hard at work for the past several months preparing for this Festival. They will be excited to see you there.

Girl Scout Cookies - Last Call!

If you're looking for Girl Scout cookies, booths are coming to town:

****Sunday, March 3:** Cookie Booth at Dunkin' Donuts 10am-3pm

****Thursday, March 7:** Cookie Booth at Danis 4-7pm

****Saturday, March 9:** Cookie Booth at Sam's Club (Concord) 2-6pm

Cookies are \$6 a box, and we do have gluten free options. Cash, cards, and Venmo are accepted. Thank you. *Troop 10300*



Express your Opinion!

Do you have questions or opinions you would like to share? Are you a candidate for an elected position in Pittsfield? Share your ideas or candidacy in the *Post*.

Submission Guidelines: Identify yourself and provide contact information.

300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.

Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.

Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is noon on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org We look forward to supporting an informed Pittsfield election season. The *Post* Volunteers

School Board Candidate Letters

Adam J. Cote

To Pittsfield Residents and Prospective Voters,

My name is Adam J. Cote and my wife, Katie, and I have been residents and homeowners of Pittsfield for over eight years now. We have four children, with three currently enrolled in the Pittsfield school system and our fourth starting Kindergarten in Fall 2024.

I was a financial advisor and a mortgage loan officer for over 18 combined years. This gives me the knowledge, professional expertise, and experience that has benefited the school board and will continue to benefit the school board. As of Summer of 2021, I transitioned out of secular employment and became the Senior Pastor at Merrimack Valley Church in Epsom which is an Assemblies of God affiliated church in good standing both as a licensed pastor and as a church.

As a current Pittsfield school board member, my desire is to continue being on the Pittsfield school board for this three-year term. With this prior experience on the school board, I have learned the processes, verbiage, documentation, and relationships that are vital to being a profitable board member, and I look forward to another three years of growing in that maturity and expertise as a board member.

My desire is to keep the PES and PMHS schools open and active for the Pittsfield community. During my board tenure, I voted against closing PMHS and outsourcing our students to other districts, as I felt it was not financially advantageous and would also cause a detriment to the social aspects of this community. As an ending statement to my vote, I encouraged the community and the school administration to "give it a go." To give these two schools 3-5 years of hard work and commitment, not just by the current school administration, but with the Pittsfield community as a whole. I believe that PES and PMHS are moving forward on the right track to sustainable improvement for years to come.

I believe, with your vote of confidence in me this term, that I can continue to be a profitable and helpful school board member for the Pittsfield school district. Thank you for your consideration. *Adam Cote*

Timothy Robinson

Candidate for School Board Member

So why am I running to be a school board member? My belief is that a well-rounded education is the foundation to building successful future citizens for a community to survive and better yet thrive. I want to share my experience and help my community. I recently retired from a nearly 30-year career in government service that spans from municipal through state and culminated at the federal government.

I hold a master's degree in education from Plymouth State University. I have designed and managed education programs for the last 20 years at the state and federal levels. I will preface that my experience is largely with adult education, but I have a clear understanding of learning theories, and curriculum/instructional design that spans all ages. In addition to professional experience, I have deep empathy for families of children with special needs that require Individualized Education Plans (IEP) due to one of my own children that required one. My wife and I had to work tirelessly with a school district from kindergarten through high school graduation on her IEP to gain the necessary assistance for her. While challenging for us at the time, our advocacy and the process has helped her to become a successful young adult including graduating from NHTI and holding a full-time job.

My career has given me well rounded experience in public policy and governmental budgeting. There are many issues that face our public schools to include:

Providing a high-quality useful education that leads to successful careers and businesses. Increasing health, safety, and security concerns.

The ever-present need to monitor costs and ensure that public funds are being best utilized for their intended purpose of bettering the futures of our children. (Continued on page 5)

Tim Robinson continued.

When elected, I will assist fellow board members and district leadership by providing input and guidance into policy decisions and budget direction. I will lend an ear to hear your concerns so that the board's decisions are not made in a vacuum. Thank you for caring about educating the future of our community and for your support. Respectfully, *Tim Robinson*

Sabrina Smith

Dear Pittsfield Citizens,

Our family purchased a home here in the summer of 2006 and since that time I have gotten to know many of you in our small community through work and volunteering. I hold a BA in Psychology with a Minor in Child & Adolescent Development from Southern New Hampshire University and I am an avid supporter of Student-Centered Learning.

As an experienced mother of five children, I believe all children deserve an education that will meet their own individual learning needs, interests, and dreams. I will be bringing a wealth of experience to our School District not only with my degree, but as someone who has spent most of her life devoted to working with families and children within my community no matter where I have lived.

Military wife/volunteer for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other children's programs on base Assistant Youth Pastor working with inner-city children. PMHS Paraprofessional with experience working with IEP and 504 plans; Ran an after-school Homework Club at PMHS; Epsom Central School Bus Driver; Librarian at Josiah Carpenter Library working with families/children; Hosted a Fairy House Tour in Portsmouth with PYW; PTO Secretary at PES; Chair of Scholastic Book Fair at PES; Girls-On-The-Run Coach at PES; Pittsfield Town Minute Taker for Selectboard, Planning Board, and ZBA; Current sitting Secretary on the Pittsfield Town Budget Committee.

While working as a Paraprofessional at PMHS I was able to see first-hand what students, parents, and even sometimes teachers would go through fighting to give children in this community a decent education. I was also able to see things first-hand from a parental point of view when my two eldest children graduated from PMHS ten years ago and would consider both PMHS Success Stories!

My daughter graduated from PMHS in 2012 with her LNA license. During her time at PMHS she was involved in Softball, Cheerleading, and Volleyball and was also able to take a trip to France with her French language course classmates at PMHS. After graduation, she acquired her LPN and is now currently an RN working in Florida while volunteering as a Special Needs T-Ball Coach. My son graduated from PMHS in 2013 and served in the Air Force for six years as a Meteorologist forecasting weather for flights to pay for a college education at UNH where he currently attends working on a Physics degree while volunteering in the mathematics and physics departments as a tutor.

Ten years later and my two youngest children are currently attending PMHS in 6th and 8th grades. Like many in our community, I have major concerns with the most recent cuts to public education funding: a music teacher, language teacher, math course, and up to date Science books. I know exactly what our School District used to look like compared to what it is now and have also been attending all Pittsfield School Board meetings regularly for the last two years. Vote for Sabrina Ann Smith on March 12 and allow me to be an advocate for the families and children in this community who still feel they don't have a voice. Sincerely, *Sabrina Ann Smith*

Meet the Candidates Night Wednesday March 6, 6:30pm

The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Meet the Candidates Night will be held at the PMHS Lecture Hall. Each candidate has been invited to attend. Come with your questions and meet the people running for Town and School positions. The snow date is Thursday, March 7. Letters of introduction from candidates running for Town of Pittsfield positions will be published in the March 6 *Pittsfield Post*.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>10am-3pm Girl Scott Cookie booth Dunkin Donuts</p>	<p>4pm Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club, Library</p> <p>6:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75</p> <p>6:30pm, Victory Workers 4-H Meeting, PES</p>	<p>9-11am, Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church</p>	<p>6:30pm Rotary Club, Historical Society</p> <p>7pm Sno-Riders Meeting, Fire Station</p> <p>6:30pm Chamber of Commerce Candidates Nite PMHS Lecture Hall</p>	<p>5:30pm School Board, PMHS</p> <p>6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment , Town Hall</p> <p>4-7pm Cookie Booth Danis</p>		<p>8:30am Breakfast, Joy Church</p> <p>NH Education Theater Guild Festival, PMHS</p> <p>2-6pm Girl Scott Cookie booth Sam's Club Concord</p> <p>5-7pm Fire Assoc. Spaghetti Dinner Fire Station</p>
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<p>1-4pm, Museum open, Historical Society</p>	<p>6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library, Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead</p>	<p>6:15pm Parks & Rec Meeting, Community Center</p> <p>7am-7pm Voting for Annual Town Meeting - PMHS Gym</p>	<p>4pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall</p>	<p>7pm Planning Board, Town Hall</p>		

March

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<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Community Center Noon Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Lunch 5:30pm Community Supper, Congregational Church</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting, PES</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:30am Library Trustees, Josiah Carpenter Library 5:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club, Historical Society</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>5:30pm School Board, PMHS 7pm Planning Board, Town Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>7pm Pittsfield Players Open Mic Night, Scenic Theatre</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>3pm Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club 5:30pm Soup for You, Congregational Church</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>6pm Board of Selectmen, Town Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>4pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7pm Conservation Commission Meeting, Town Hall 7pm "Last Supper of Jesus" Service; First Congregational Church</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>7:30am Sunrise Service; Breakfast at 8:30am; First Congregational Church</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Pittsfield Youth Workshop</p> <p>Drop-In Hours</p> <p>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 3-6pm</p> <p>Wednesday, 1-6pm</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Josiah Carpenter Library Hours</p> <p>Monday & Thursday 10am-6pm</p> <p>Tuesday & Wednesday 12:30-6pm</p> <p>Saturday 10am-2pm</p> </div> </div>					



This dispatch covers the Feb. 15 and 22 Sessions, with 17 and 45 bills making it to the floor for discussion, respectively.

The Feb. 15 session started at 1pm with the House, Senate, Supreme Court, Sec of State, and others in attendance to hear Gov. Sununu give his final State of the State address. Gov. Sununu spoke on all the wonderful economic advantages, beauty, and accomplishments we have here in the great state of NH.

HB1212 was for free meals for an expanded group of students, paid for by the taxpayers. Though initially defeated, this legislation was reconsidered later in the day when the Democrats had the advantage and passed 193-175, assuring your property taxes would continue to rise.

HB1419 focuses on sexually permissible books in school libraries. Rep Cordelli read from at least 2 of these available in school books. Rape, incest, and oral sex were some of the lowlights of these books. While he was reading, about 150 Representatives tried to run out of Reps Hall, with many screaming and covering their ears. These same Reps voted later to postpone the bill indefinitely.

HB1652 and HB1677 dealt with additional opportunities for EFAs and were defeated 174-194 and 174-192, respectively.

HB1589, a veterans' bill for building a Vet center for a variety of treatments such as PTSD, drug rehabilitation, etc, was passed overwhelmingly by voice vote.

HB1363 to allow the General Court (your Representatives) to take advantage of taxpayer-funded general assistance programs, passed 184-168. We voted no!

HCR8 on whether or not to amend our Constitution to provide for a limited National Convention, Article 5, was overwhelmingly tabled 247-99.

HR19 deals with removing the Jones Act, created 104 years ago, which places many restrictions on how goods get transported, failed by 165-180. This is one of the reasons why our energy costs are the highest in the nation.

The Feb. 22 session started with a bang; HB154 was revisited after the Senate added numerous non-germane legislation. Clayton & Cyril received a lot of emails asking us to fix what the Senate had done. We tried, but the reconsideration failed 162-201.

HB1633 created a business for Cannabis in NH and passed 239-14. Cyril and I did not support this bill because while it created a business for the state similar to alcohol sales, it did nothing for personal legal use.

HB1050 created a list to voluntarily give up an individual's 2nd Amendment rights to purchase a firearm and was defeated 201-177.

HB1186 would add a firearms merchant code that tracks an individual purchase of any and all firearms, was defeated 203-174.

HB1339 Discretionary background check, requested by our local police before the return of a firearm in court proceedings, was passed on a voice vote.

HB1128 requires a scholarship organization to be incorporated in NH was defeated 191-187. This bill was a Trojan horse to harm the agency currently administrating the EFA funding. (Continued on page 9)

Select Board Review February 13, 2024

Josh Stevens rejoined the Pittsfield Police Dept. He's accredited, experienced and ready to go to work.

Louis Houle was reappointed to the CDC. He's long been one of the most active members of this committee.

Long-time volunteer "clock winder" Chris Ward has resigned after a number of years of being tasked with the climb up stairs and ladders to the top of the Congregational Church steeple every seven days to keep the hours ticking by 'on-time'. Chris has religiously dedicated the time and commitment necessary to do the job right. We thank him for his service to the town.

The Clothes Closet made a \$1,000 donation to the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Fund. This organization frequently presents significant donations to town causes and the Board thanks them for their generosity.

A contribution of \$200,000 was made to the Quenton B. Berkson Scholarship. This is one of the most important means of helping college bound graduates of Pittsfield High School. These donors award substantial scholarships to deserving seniors.

Erica Anthony has resigned from her 'extra' duties cleaning the town hall and shoveling/salting the walkway and ramp during the winter. Erica will continue to serve the townspeople as Tax Collector & Town Clerk.

We dealt with the more mundane duties such as intents to cut, land use change tax, timber tax, veteran's tax credit, and solar energy exemptions. Carl Anderson

State House Dispatch continued.

HB1288 establishing due process rights for students was a tremendous victory for them and passed 192-185. HB1517 reduces the state education property tax by unexpected excess revenue from games of chance and passed by 196-184.

HB1583 and HB1656 deal with student adequacy costs, calculation, and breakdown to improve fairness, passed 228-150 and on a voice vote, respectively.

HB1426, establishing a redistricting commission to recommend voter maps to the legislature, failed 192-186.

HB1577, allowing public access to images of the ballots collected by the new voting machines, passed 193-182. This is Cyril and I's first bill passed by the House! It is a big step towards election integrity that benefits both sides of the discussion.

HB1322, establishing a CPI-based state hourly minimum rate with yearly increases, was defeated 193-187. This bill seems unnecessary as the current NH minimum rate of \$7.25/hr is far exceeded even at McDonald's, which pays \$16 to \$18/hr starting wage.

HB1377, commonly called the "Right to Work" bill, was defeated 168-212.

HB1472 attempted to take \$3Million in credit away from the highest ratepayers in the nation and give it away as rebates for electric vehicles and failed 187-192. This would take from the poor and give to the rich.

Cyril and I appreciate the space the Pittsfield Post allows us to communicate with our constituents. Please feel free to contact either of us via info@ClaytonCyril4House.com. Sincerely, your Representatives *Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood*



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Community groups, businesses,
and individuals, please send us your
news, opinions, and creative work!
Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org
Info: www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$4.00 for a brief classified ad.
Guidelines and order forms are located at
www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org



Cook's Corner

The Soup-er Girls' Sausage and Tortellini Soup

I'm sure you were pleased to read about our Pittsfield Victory Workers

4-H Club participating in the Merrimack County 4-H Food Show earlier this month.

This pot of goodness is easy to bring together and will warm you up while we're still having chilly weather. Thank you to the chefs, we are all very proud of you and your team. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

- 9 oz dried cheese tortellini
- ½ lb bulk Italian sausage
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 TBSP minced garlic
- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 2 TBSP tomato paste
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp chili flakes or crushed red pepper
- Salt to taste
- 4 cups chicken stock
- ½ cup Half & Half

Grated Parmesan cheese and chopped fresh parsley, for serving. Heat oil in a large pot. Stir in chopped onion and garlic. Saute until onion and garlic have softened. Add crumbled sausage to the pot. Brown for about 2 minutes. Add diced tomatoes and tomato paste, Italian seasoning, chili flakes, salt to taste and 2 cups of the broth. Mix everything well to combine, scraping up the browned bits. Cover and simmer for one hour. Add dried tortellini. Cook for another 10 to 12 minutes, until tortellini is softened. Add the rest of the chicken broth and the Half & Half. Stir gently to combine. Let the soup cook another 2 minutes to heat through.

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www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org



Thank you to these inspiring 4-H chefs for sharing their winning recipe "Soup-er Bowl" challenge. Way to go!



FREE Preschool
for ages 3-5 years old!

Pittsfield Head Start is located next to the middle school and serves surrounding towns.

Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Two meals provided daily at no cost to families.

Enrolling now for the 2023-2024 school year.

Scan below, visit www.capbm.org, or call 603-225-3295 ext. 1127 for more information



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Are you looking for a unique volunteer opportunity that allows you to use your computer skills and creativity? If you said 'yes', working with the *Pittsfield Post* may be right for you. The Post is published bi-weekly through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers. Our Layout Team is responsible for preparing the Post for printing, including how the paper looks, how content flows, the placement of advertising, digital artwork, etc. The Layout Team meets every other Friday for one to two hours, using state of the art desk-top publishing software to complete each issue. We're looking for a few more volunteers to assist with this critical production activity. It's a terrific, fun group of people and training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact the Pittsfield Post at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Find the Hidden Objects



Support Article 30, Community Power

Town elections are coming up soon and voters will have to choose the way ahead for almost three dozen warrant articles. I am writing to urge your support for Article 30, which seeks to adopt the community power model for Pittsfield's electrical supply. Your Community Development Committee has been working for over a year to give Pittsfield's electricity ratepayers a choice when it comes to electric supplies. Community based power supply is a concept that is spreading all across New Hampshire. It offers electric customers a real opportunity to lower their electric bills for the long haul, and any individual ratepayer is free to opt out of the program or change suppliers at any time. Adopting community power would be a WIN for Pittsfield, as it is for all towns and cities in the Granite State. If Article 30 is approved by the voters, the Select Board has chosen a company called Standard Power to administer the program on behalf of the town, with no impact to local taxes. As shown in the published Warrant, both the Select Board and the Budget Committee support passage of Article 30. Lowering electric bills through the community power model is a companion to the Community Development Committee's efforts to attract more and better renewable energy projects to Pittsfield which offer economic opportunity, as well as environmental benefits. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Community Development Committee, or attend a committee meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4pm. Article 30 provides a significant step forward. Please support it. *J.C. Allard*, Select Board Rep to the CDC



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