

PITTSFIELD POST

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"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant..." - Anne Bradstreet

March 29, 2023



Christ in the Passover

On Sunday, April 2, at 6 pm, First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, 24 Main Street, will host "Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience." This powerful, interactive experience, led by Tamir Kugman of Jews for Jesus, will illustrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples.

Jewish, or not, religious, or not – all are welcome for this unforgettable, thought-provoking experience.

Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street. Have questions? Call First Congregational Church at 603-435-7471, or email at

Firstcongregationalchurchpnh@gmail.com

Nella Hobson



"Cocka Doodle Doom" World Premier

Did you know that Pittsfield Middle High School has a Film Making Learning Studio? The PMHS Film Making Learning Studio is making the feature length movie "COCKA DOODLE DOOM" and is hosting the PMHS Student Film Festival. Plan on attending the World Premier of "COCKA DOODLE DOOM" on Thursday, May 5, at the Pittsfield Middle High School Student Film Festival. The Film Festival will run from 3pm - 6pm in the Greenleaf Auditorium at Pittsfield Middle High School. This Film Festival features film projects from various New Hampshire high schools. Come and check out all the student films.

Check out the first official trailer for "COCKA DOODLE DOOM" at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFdcl0J-jec

The Film Festival coincides with the PMHS Exhibition of Learning. Come watch some Student Films and check out some of the great things happening with education at Pittsfield Middle High School!

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation



Commission is looking for volunteers to help spread the Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1. (Rain date

April 8) We will meet at Dustin Park by the grand stand at 10am. Students who need community service hours are welcome, as are any adults who would like to help out. Contact Minni Plante at 603 290-4068 if you would like to volunteer.

Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions you would like to share?

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

The *Post* Volunteers

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

The Pittsfield Elementary School PTO is hosting its first "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" and Spring Fair on Saturday, April 1, at PES. The Breakfast will be from 8am-9:30am. The Vendor Fair will be from 9am-2pm. Come enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and visit the vendor booths! You will have an opportunity to take a picture with the Easter Bunny throughout the day. You will also have the chance to enter multiple door prizes. Pittsfield Elementary School PTO, 34 Bow St. Pittsfield, NH 03263 Contact: adamgau23@gmail.com

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service April 2, at 10am: we will distribute palms and celebrate Holy Communion. On Easter Sunday, April 9, at 10am there will be a traditional Easter worship service with special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. There will not be a sunrise service or breakfast this year. There is parking, as well as a wheelchair accessible entrance at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. For more information about these services, call the church office at 603 435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak.

Senior Center - Thursday, April 6, 11:30am: Easter Celebration - Come in, play bingo, enjoy some sweet Easter snacks, and stay for the Easter meal. The meal is baked ham, sweet potatoes, and all the other fixings; call 603-435-8482 to sign up, reservations made by Tuesday, March 28 are preferred. We are having so much fun with the Exercise program, we would love for you to join us! You do not have to be a Senior. We hope to see you here! All are welcome Monday & Thursday 8:15-9am; Tuesday 9:15-10am. Also, we now serve brunch every Wednesday at 10:30am. Come join friends, play games from 9-10:30am, and then have brunch.

Pittsfield Elementary School is excited to start welcoming next year's Kindergarteners. If your child will be 5 years old by September 30 and you are a resident of Pittsfield, please contact PES to sign up for a 15-minute appointment for you and your child to visit. Please call Pam Miller at 435-8432 or email at pmiller@sau51.org to schedule an appointment on Wednesday, April 5 from 2-6pm.

Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd., will hold Good Friday

service on Friday, April 7 at 6:30pm and Easter service will be on Sunday April 9 at 9:30am, with an Easter egg hunt for the children.

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. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984, at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm, at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center. There is also 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 Town of Pittsfield is 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

The American Legion Post 75 of Pittsfield, NH 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 with The American Legion. 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 and we need to increase our membership roster in order to continue as a local post. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Birthday wishes to Deb Gage on Monday March 27. I hope you enjoyed your special day!

To the Residents of Pittsfield,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Pittsfield residents who took time to support me during the election process, and for your vote by absentee ballot or not letting 18" of snow hinder your commitment to cast your vote in person. I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve on the Pittsfield School Board and humbled by the challenge and responsibility. I ask you for your advice and continued involvement to help me and others on the Board translate good ideas from the community into policies that will make our schools work for all students. I appreciate your confidence in me to do what's in the best interest of your children and our school district. I look forward to working with all members of the Pittsfield School Board and the Superintendent to ensure open communication, transparency, and accountability.

Lastly, thank you to the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce for giving all the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to the citizens who attended Candidates Night. Each one of the candidates brought with them good ideas and showed their commitment for the betterment of Pittsfield! Take care, *Helen Schiff*

HELP WANTED

The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is now 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.

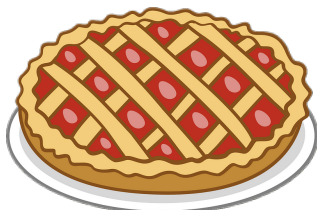


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Pies For Easter!



Pies For Sale...

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Sponsored by the Dorcas Guild at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9-noon.

Use the Chestnut St. parking lot and entrance.



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Cook's Corner Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes

It's officially Spring, bright days lie ahead and Easter is right around the corner.

This week and next week we're featuring two side dishes which you may enjoy for

your Easter celebration. These potatoes are divine and pair nicely with baked ham, roast chicken or lamb. I typically use Vidalia onions for this; they're sweeter than regular yellow onions and are perfect in this casserole. Stay tuned next week for another tasty side dish. Bon appetit! *MP*

Crhistakos

4 large baking potatoes (about 2 lbs), peeled & sliced ¼ inch thick

¾ tsp salt

¼ tsp black pepper

1 medium onion, sliced crosswise into ¼ inch half rings

3 TBSP butter, cut into 3 pieces

3 TBSP flour

2 cups whole milk

1 & ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 400. Coat a 2 & ½ quart, shallow baking dish with cooking spray. Coat a sheet of tin foil with cooking spray. Layer half of the potatoes in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle ¼ tsp each of salt and pepper. Top with the onion and then another layer of the remaining potatoes. Sprinkle with ¼ tsp salt and pepper.

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour and remaining ½ tsp salt, stirring constantly, until a paste forms, about 1 minute. Increase heat to medium-high and stir in milk. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to medium, simmer, whisking constantly for 1 more minute. Remove from heat. Add cheese, ½ cup at a time, stirring until cheese has melted. Pour cheese mixture evenly over potatoes in the baking dish. Cover the dish with the prepared tin foil, greased side down.

Bake for 1 hour. Uncover and bake until potatoes are tender, about another 20 to 25 minutes more.

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad.

Guidelines and order forms are located at

www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

School Board Update

Even though town and school elections occurred on Tuesday, March 14, the previous board governs through March 20th, when new members are sworn in. The newly elected board members will join the Board at our next meeting in April. The Board would like to thank Ms. Duval for her service on the Board this past year, and welcome Ms. Schiff.

At our meeting on the 16th, we heard from Mr. Wiley about all of the exciting happenings at PES during In the Spirit of Reading Week. Additionally, the Board was presented with a timeline and pictures of the heating and ventilation project happening at PES, which is funded entirely by an ESSER 2 Grant.

The Board also heard from Melissa Brown about PMHS. Ms. Brown gave the Board a report about anticipated graduation status for the class of 2023. Current projections place the class of 2023 with an 86.2% graduation rate. Ms. Brown also reported out on the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation visit, which will take place March 26-March 29. Additionally, Ms. Brown shared the exciting news from our Program of Studies that PMHS will be able to offer 5 running start courses (high school courses that provide dual enrollment and college credit) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Lane explained the process that will be used to find a new principal for PES. As of the writing of this update, we have promising applicants moving forward with the process. Mr. Lane continues to plan for anticipated openings for the 2023-2024 school year, with the hopes of filling positions at both buildings with quality candidates as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 6th at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, mgoggin@sau51.org (please note the email change for the district) 603-387-1396.

Victory Workers 4-H Club's Spring Flower Fundraiser

Beautiful 10" hanging baskets (\$35) or 24" window boxes (\$40) are available to order in 6 different varieties. Please contact Mark Riel at 603-491-2524 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com to place an order.

Paul's Unisex salon

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• BY APPOINTMENT ONLY •

Easter Bunny Hop and Vendor Fair

Sponsored by the Pittsfield Elementary PTO

April 1, 2023

Admission for shoppers is FREE!

Location: Pittsfield Elementary School
34 Bow St. Pittsfield, NH

Come and enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and walk through the craft fair!

You will be able to meet and have a picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30am

Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Toast, Milk/Juice
1 for \$4 2 for \$7 or 4 or more for \$14

Craft Fair 9:00 am - 2:00 PM

With Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day around the corner, you will be able to find something for the one's you love.

Over 50 Vendors will be on hand

Pet Items, Home Decor, Shirts, seasonal wreaths, Scentsy, Sweet Treats, Color Street, Jewelry, Local Artisan Crafts, Mary Kay, artists, and more!

State House Dispatch
to our constituents



Cyril & Clayton

Over 80 Bills last week in two days: firearms, Parental Rights, governmental overreach (Covid), and Life were all in play. Defending these positions is why Cyril and I went to Concord!

First up was HB10, which established that the Parents were in charge of their children and their children's education. The bill failed by 6 votes! Disappointing as UNH just completed a poll with over 70% support for parental rights! We did manage to save the bill by tabling it.

HB351 would have expanded the criminal penalties for negligent storage of firearms, but was defeated by a bipartisan vote (202-183). HB135 would prohibit no-knock warrants except to protect human life, passed 344-9.

HB127 revises the Governor's authority to declare, renew or terminate a state of emergency, passed (193-185). Unfortunately, two other bills, HB557, would revise the HHS rule-making authority to add vaccines without legislation, and HB575 would prevent the government from promoting vaccines that have not been tested on humans. Both failed!

HB224 would repeal the criminal penalties for Fetal Life Protection Act violations, passed by a vote of 205 - 178! Many feel that if this bill becomes law, it will nullify the FLPA, allowing unlimited abortion up to birth!...No control over the abortions of healthy human babies until birth! Let's be clear, the current law provides for any abortion up to 24 weeks for all healthy baby fetuses and allows for late-term abortions in case of medical problems. Cyril and I are Pro-Life and willing to work on a reasonable solution. We know you don't believe in the abortion of healthy babies to birth. It is time to take a stand and get involved!

On a positive bipartisan note, the legislature passed HB442 (276-100) to protect our coastline environment and lobster industry. This bill will save lobsters and fish trapped on the ocean floor and remove hazards like ghost traps lost over the years. What started as a bill with little chance of passing resulted in improvements to the fishing industry and environment. Sincerely, *Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*

Daily literacy building activities to share with your child

29 COUNTING

Collect a variety of rocks and pebbles. Write numbers on each. Help your child put them in order.



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Annual easter egg hunt

Sponsored By Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission

Thanks to PYW for filling the eggs and to the Pittsfield Clothes Closet for a donation for the Golden Egg.

Dustin Park (meet by bandstand)

April 1, 2023(Rain date April 8)

Festivities begin at 11:00 with the arrival of the Easter Bunny and Easter Bonnet Parade

This is a new venue change

Decorate an Easter Bonnet and wear it for an Easter Bonnet Parade there will be Prizes for the most unique hats

Drawing for the Golden Egg

Three Groups for the hunt at different times 5 and under, 6-8, 9-12

Take pictures with the Easter Bunny

Come out and enjoy the fun!



Take a guess how many jelly beans are in the jar and win the jar of jelly beans.

Opinion Graphic by Kathy Holmes

Latest Stock Numbers

- Hiking equipment was trailing.
- Cows steered into a bull market.
- Diapers remained unchanged.
- Cocoa Cola Fizzled.
- Balloon prices were inflated.

Ok boys, if we expect to get **PAID** this month we've got to get those temps **UP UP..UP!**

“CLIMATEGATE”
LEAKED EMAILS CONFIRM THAT TOP IPCC SCIENTISTS CONSCIOUSLY WITHHELD DATA SHOWING TEMPS DECREASING FROM 1980 ONWARD. THEY ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT DISCOVERY. FOLLOW THE MONEY!
(FIND LINK BELOW) Submitted by Kathy Holmes

“Leaked emails expose... The temperature fix was in! Let's “Cook the Books”

GOAL!

Uh oh... A **LEAK!**

To find all emails relating to Climategate I and II:
<https://sealevel.info/FOIA/>

APRIL 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays,

- 10am** Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour
- 10am-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 11am-2pm, 4-6pm** Pittsfield Food Pantry
- 11am-7pm** Town Hall

Tuesdays,

- 12:30-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm** Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 9am-Noon** Pittsfield Historical Society
- 8am-4pm** Town Hall

Wednesdays,

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

Thursdays,

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

Fridays,

- 8am-4pm** Town Hall

Saturdays,

- 10am-2pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-1pm** Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Saturday, 8am-2pm Breakfast with Easter Bunny and Spring Craft Fair, PES

- 11am** Easter Egg Hunt, Dustin Park (Rain Date April 8)

3, Monday, 6:30pm American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 Meeting, Town Hall

- 6:30pm** Victory Workers 4-H Club Meeting, PES

4, Tuesday, 8-10am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

- 6-8pm** PYBA Baseball/Softball Sign-ups, Pittsfield Community Center

5, Wednesday, 2-6pm Kindergarten Registration, PES

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

6, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board Meeting PMHS

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

7, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

8, Saturday, 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

10, Monday, 6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

11, Tuesday, 6pm Select Board Meeting, Town Hall

- 6:15pm** Parks and Recreation Meeting, Community Center

12, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

- 4:30pm** PMHS Baseball vs Newmarket, Drake Field; Softball vs Newmarket, Tilton Hill

13, Thursday, 7pm Planning Board Meeting

14, Friday, 4:30pm PMHS Baseball vs Sunapee, Drake Field, Softball vs Sunapee, Tilton Hill

17, Monday, 10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Community Center

- 5:30pm** Pasta Supper, First Congregational Church

6:30pm PHS All Class Reunion Meeting, PMHS

18, Tuesday, 6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization Meeting

19, Wednesday, 9:30am Library Trustees Meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

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

20, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board, PMHS Media Center

21, Friday, 4:30pm PMHS Baseball vs Concord Christian, Drake Field

25, Tuesday, 6pm Select Board Meeting, Town Hall

26, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

27, Thursday, 5pm Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall

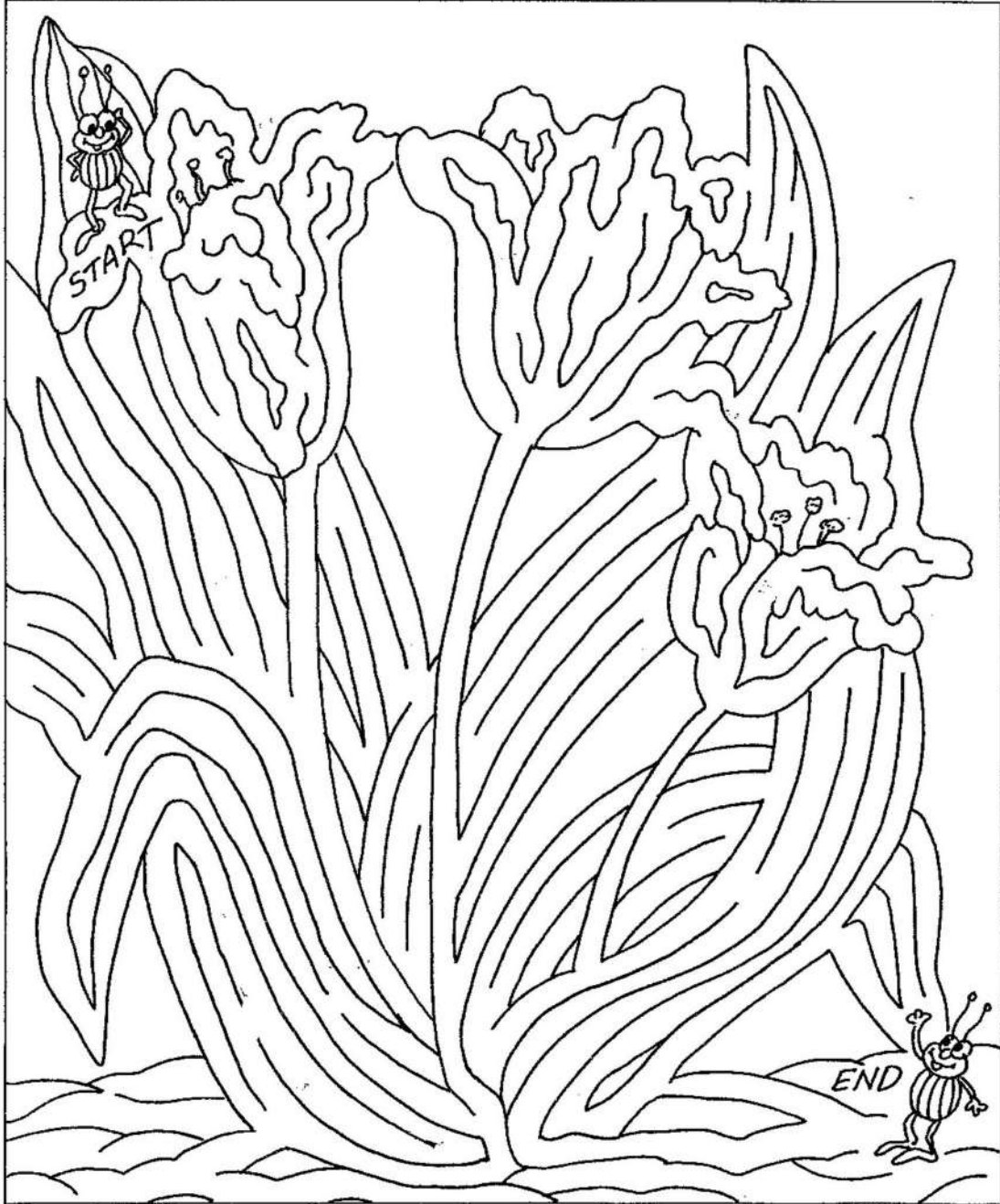
- 7pm**, Conservation Committee Meeting, Town Hall

30, Sunday, 2pm Storytelling with Rebecca Rule, Graylag

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