

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer."  
Anita Krizzan

April 16, 2025

## ***Historic 13 Elm Street is Fully Restored***

If you've been down Elm Street in the last several months, you may have noticed a lot of activity at number 13. About three years ago, Chris Wood bought the building from the Pittsfield Historical Society and embarked on a challenging journey to completely restore this historic structure.

Chris is a New Hampshire native, originally from East Washington, NH and currently lives in Concord. He had been interested in getting into the real estate business and has long been fascinated with historic restoration and preservation work. Because the building is zoned for mixed use, Chris's vision from the start was to create two two-bedroom apartments and a small commercial space.

The project was extremely difficult and involved significant investment, effort and expertise. Among other major changes, Chris and his team re-leveled the building, made substantial repairs to the basement foundation, repaired the roof, installed a state-of-the-art fire suppression system, replaced and upgraded all electrical wiring, and removed virtually all the walls, floors and windows.

While they installed new dry wall throughout, Chris kept and restored the original wainscoting. The entire building has all new floors and the residential apartments are beautifully appointed with top of the line finishes, kitchen appliances, ceiling fans and window blinds.

During the extensive renovation, Chris found a number of artifacts, most of which had been stuffed into the walls and under the floor boards. They found numerous antique shoes, a personal scrapbook from the 1950's, Civil War military discharge papers for one of Pittsfield's finest, a darling folk art painting of the dam, an over-sized ceremonial book belonging to the former Grand Army of the Republic Military Post 29, and quite a few handmade tools, decorative doorknobs and other hardware.

In addition to the two apartments, Glenn Martel opened The Elm Street Barbershop in the small commercial space at the front of the building.

Chris has been on active duty in the Air Force for 16 years, stationed at Pease Air National Guard Base, and will be deploying soon. With all of this hard work now complete, Chris is pleased with how it all came together and has said, "I wanted to try to change this building, but I also wanted to bring positive change to Pittsfield."

Chris – mission accomplished! Thank you for investing in our town. We all wish you a safe deployment and look forward to seeing you when you return.



## **Pittsfield Town Crier**

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

**\*\*\* Let's all help to "Perk Up Pittsfield." Take some time and clean up the winter debris and garbage in front of your own house or business. \*\*\***

**Mon-Fri, April 14-18:** The PES **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held. For information, check the website <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/pittsfieldelementaryschool> or the PES PTO Facebook page for information on how to donate and buy books for the students.

**Wed, April 16, 6:30pm: Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

**Thurs, April 17, 7pm:** A special **Maundy Thursday worship service** including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir.

**Sat, April 19, 9-10:30am: Easter PIE Sale** by the Dorcas Guild at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St. Please use the Chestnut St. parking lot and entrance. Pies are \$10 each - lots of varieties! Come early - they sell out quickly!

**Sat, April 19, 10am:** \*\*\* Rescheduled from Sat, April 12 - The Parks & Recreation Commission is sponsoring the annual "**Egg-stravaganza!**" At Dustin Park, Main St. There will be an Egg Hunt (3 age groups); a Golden Egg Drawing; Guess the Number of Jelly Beans contest, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

**Sat, April 19, 10:30-1pm** \*\*\* Rescheduled from Sat, April 12 - Join us at the Josiah Carpenter Library for **Easter Cookie Decorating**. Drop in after the Parks & Rec's Easter Egg Hunt.

**Sun, April 20, 7:30am:** The customary **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, with breakfast immediately following (about 8:30am) in the vestry. The **traditional Easter worship service** is at **10am**, with music by the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Handbell Choir. Come and worship, and join us for breakfast! Parking & wheelchair accessible entrance at the rear of the church, on Chestnut Street.

**Sat, April 26, 9am - 12pm:** The Pittsfield Conservation Commission is hosting a **Roadside Litter Cleanup**, in observance of Earth Day. Meet at the Drake Field gazebo and wear bright-colored clothing for visibility. Trash bags and disposable gloves will be provided to volunteers.

**Fri, May 2, 6:30pm:** The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is sponsoring the "**Mom Prom**," a Rotary fundraiser and benefitting Catamount Womenaid. Tickets are on sale at \$80 per person. Get ready for a night of fun, food, dancing, raffles and more with your favorite ladies! Join us at the Dell Lea in Chichester. Put on your favorite outfit, grab your dancing shoes, and get ready to party the night away. This event is a great opportunity to let loose, have a good time, and make new friends. You don't have to be a mom, and you don't have to dress up - but you can if you'd like to! Grab your girlfriends and enjoy a night out!

Tickets available at:

<https://form.jotform.com/250535427501147> (or visit the Rotary Club Facebook page)

**May 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 7:30pm: The Laramie Project**, the true story of the murder of Matthew Shepard and recognized as the nation's first hate crime as told via the voices of The Tectonic Theatre Project, brought to you by The Pittsfield Players, and sponsored by Darrah Enterprises. Rehearsals are in full swing and we look forward to bringing you this important piece of theater. "Loose Ground," winner of the Open Mic Competition at The Scenic Theatre, will be playing for your listening pleasure while you find your seat and buy your raffle tickets before each performance of The Laramie Project. Get your tickets now. (603) 435-8852 or

<https://players.ticketleap.com/the-laramie-project> (Please be aware: for this show we have suggested parents take a look at the description of the plot and understand it is not suitable for all audiences.)

**The Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation** was established by Gabe's family after his death to provide roadside safety equipment to all High School aged drivers. Visit <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful Foundation or, more importantly, to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263; call 603-470-6927 or email [gda21foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gda21foundation@gmail.com)

### Senior Center Schedule:

Mon & Thurs: 8am-2pm, Weds: 8am-1pm.

Activities:

Lunch - Mon & Thurs - 11:45am;

Bingo - Mon, Weds & Thurs - 10-11:45am;

Cribbage & Games - Weds - 9-11am;

Walking at the Center - Mon, Weds, Thurs - 8am-1pm;

Sweatin' to the Oldies - Mon - 9am

Chair Yoga - Thurs - 9am.

Questions? call Anne at [603-435-8482](tel:603-435-8482).

**Wed, April 16, & 30, 9:30am:** Senior Center Breakfast and Bingo, and Puzzle Swap - Are those jigsaw puzzles building up after the winter? Let's swap today so we all get a new one!

**Thur, April 17, 9am:** Senior Center offers VNA "Thrive as we Age" - Ways to stay active and involved as we age.

**Wed, April 23, 10am:** Games and a Movie with Lunch! Participants will pick the game and movie on that day.

*We are still looking for a Meals on Wheels driver.* If you are interested in helping some of the most vulnerable people in the community with some compensation for it, then this may be the job for you. It is 15 to 20 hours per week. Please apply at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2756787>

**BINGO** hosted by [Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association](#) Bingo, every Saturday at 6pm, Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom. There is a great food menu, and games. It all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm!

**PES and End 68 Hours of Hunger** are joining forces to create positive change! Are you eager to help our community bag and deliver groceries for families in need? This impactful program ensures groceries are available over the weekend. To sign up visit <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org> We are seeking assistance with bagging and delivery, every Thursday morning. Contact: Mike Curtin at [mcurtin@sau51.org](mailto:mcurtin@sau51.org) or Kate Price at [kprice@sau51.org](mailto:kprice@sau51.org)

**The Dorcas Guild** of the First Congregational Church has adopted a community project that helps children with food to get them through the weekend. Pittsfield and Barnstead Schools have come together to

provide weekend meals for over 100 children. Donations are greatly needed to help us feed the children. Amazon deliveries and monetary donations (check payable to "End 68 Hours of Hunger-Pittsfield/Barnstead") may be sent to: Anthony Palmieri, END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER, 204 BRINDLE POND RD, CENTER BARNSTEAD, NH 03225. Typical food items needed are non-perishable canned and packaged items such as Pop Tarts, breakfast/granola bars, peanut butter, stews, soups, canned pasta, canned vegetables and fruits/fruit snacks, canned meats, ramen, juice boxes, and Goldfish crackers. There is a box for these donations in the sanctuary.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the **Josiah Carpenter Library** table and donated to the **Elevator Fund**, at the recent Pittsfield elections. The Fund has collected approximately \$11,000. However, we still need your help to reach our goal of \$45,000. Your donation, small or large, is greatly appreciated! Please stop by the Library, or mail your donation to the Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH, 03263. Make your check payable to "Josiah Carpenter Library" with Memo note - "For Elevator Fund."

### Summer Positions Available at the **FB Argue Recreation Area** (AKA Town Pool)

\*Director Position

\*Lifeguards - certification required. Ask about certification reimbursement.

\*Beach Attendants

\*Gate Keepers

Great hours, fun atmosphere, pay TBD. For questions call 603-545-2402 or email [parks@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:parks@pittsfieldnh.gov) Application available at website: [pittsfieldnh.gov](http://pittsfieldnh.gov)

**The 4-H Young Entrepreneurs** have been busy and are looking forward to opening up for the season.

**Dowboro Farm**, 615 Dowboro Rd. is opening for the season on May 1. Hours are Wed-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm and Sun, 10am-4pm.

Happy Birthday wishes to Rick Chase on Tues, April 15; Aunt Holly Bickford, Penny Hatch on Thurs, April 17; Lee Miller, Matt Engelmann, Fred Holmes, on Fri, April 18; Linda Rafeal on Sat, April 19; Sean Foster on Sun, April 20. I hope you ALL enjoy your special day.



## Cooks Corner

### Baked Caesar Chicken

If you're like me, you're probably always on the lookout for a new chicken recipe. Well, you've come to the right place. I predict this Baked Caesar Chicken will become your new family favorite. It is so delicious and so easy to pull together. I use Marie's brand creamy Caesar dressing (refrigerated, in the produce aisle). This recipe can serve 4 to 6 people, but it also freezes well if you have leftovers. I like to serve this with fresh sauteed vegetables and 'smashed' baby red potatoes, to soak up the yummy sauce. Bon appetit!!

Cooking spray

2 cup Caesar salad croutons, crushed

3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

2 TBSP butter, melted

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (1&1/2 to 2 lbs)

1/2 tsp black pepper

1/4 tsp salt

2 cup creamy Caesar salad dressing

2/3 cup sour cream

2 TBSP flour

1/2 cup chopped red onion

Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Heat oven to 375. Coat a 2-quart baking dish (or aluminum pan) with cooking spray.

Combine crushed croutons, Parmesan cheese and butter in a bowl and toss to combine. Set aside.

Place chicken breasts between 2 sheets of plastic wrap and pound to an even thickness with a meat mallet or rolling pin, if they're thick.

Stir together the salad dressing, sour cream and flour in a bowl and stir well to combine. Season both sides of the chicken with salt & pepper and cut each breast in half (or into thirds) crosswise. Spoon some of the sauce in the bottom of the baking dish and place the chicken pieces on top. Top each piece of chicken with a little of the chopped red onion, then spoon the rest of the sauce over the chicken. Top the chicken with the crouton mixture.

Bake in the oven for 30 minutes or until the topping is well browned and the chicken registers 165 in the center. Sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley before serving.

### Use your imagination and get your steps in with JCL!

The Josiah Carpenter Library's current StoryWalk® book, *Beekle*, by Dan Santat is now available for your viewing pleasure. This story is a humorous and thoughtful celebration of friends. This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match and--at long last--is given his special name: Beekle.

This story book's pages have been mounted in windows throughout the downtown area. Tie up your walking shoes, grab your water bottle and enjoy a stroll through our beautiful little town. Families can pick up a map from the mailbox that is attached to the community bulletin board at Dustin Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the book, stop in to pick up your FREE GIFT!

For more books and activities, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6, and Saturdays 10-2 to check out our selections.



*(The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story.)*

## A Message to Pittsfield Post Advertisers

The *Pittsfield Post* will publish a special issue again this year to celebrate the Pittsfield Middle High School 2025 graduates. As in the past, part of this special edition will be in color. It has become an important tradition for our students and a treasured keepsake for their families.

If you are interested in running a special ad in honor of our graduates, please submit your 'graduation issue' ad to the *Pittsfield Post* by **12:00 (noon) Friday, May 2, 2025**. The content of your message is up to you – words of encouragement, congratulations, or just good wishes for the future.

Your ad copy may be sent to the *Post* at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) or mailed to the *Pittsfield Post*, Post Office Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Please include your contact information. Our advertising rates are: \$100 full page, \$50 half page, \$25 quarter page and \$15 business card size. All ads must be submitted in jpeg or png format, or in pdf format that is cropped to the edge of the ad copy. Color ads will be used in the digital edition; the hardcopy version is printed in black and white. The *Pittsfield Post* has a circulation of approximately 800 readers. Additional information may be found on our website at <https://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org>.



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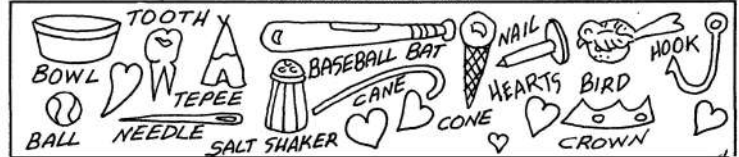
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**Send us your news!** Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details about submissions are on our website. Deadline is 9am on Friday.

**[Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)**



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Dear Crabby:

I went to Town Hall today and discovered two trucks, a rented lifter, and some people there. When I asked what all the action was about I was told that a pest control outfit was removing bats from the attic.

Is it more important to spend town money to evict bats from a part of the building no one needs to go to, than it is to fix the handicap lift that gets people with bum knees and sore ankles in and out of the town library? Our library has been without a lift for months now.

With best regards - Bunston Elfry

Dear B. Elfry:

Your town has more problems flying around than it knows about.

One might land on it when someone who cannot climb stairs decides that lack of a lift is an ADA compliance violation. Dealing with that situation will really bat some money around – mostly toward the lawyers.

Crabby

# EASTER PIE SALE

\$10  
each



Saturday, April 19th  
9:00- 10:30 AM  
First Congregational Church  
Dorcas Guild  
24 Main Street, Pittsfield  
Use Chestnut Street  
Parking Lot & Entrance

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## WE CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF

In honor of **Teacher Appreciation Week**, May 5 – 9, 2025, we join the community of Pittsfield in expressing our thanks to our administration, faculty, and staff for their tireless commitment and dedication to the education of our students. Tuesday, May 6, **Teacher Appreciation Day**, is a day for honoring you and recognizing the lasting contributions you make to our school and our community.

With sincere  
thanks,

Your Pittsfield  
School Board

Sandra  
Adams, Molly  
Goggin, Adam  
Gauthier, Tim  
Robinson, and Eric Nilsson



# Yard Sale!

**Saturdays beginning in May**

**(as weather permits)**

**10 Berry Avenue  
Pittsfield NH**





House Session March 26 & 27, 2025 There were 100+ bills to debate in the house over 2 long days.

**HB191**, passed 180-164, protects pregnant minors from being transported for any surgical procedure without the written consent of the parent or guardian. **HB50** allows a person to initiate civil action against an offending school or district that knowingly teaches discrimination in public schools or public workplaces. This bill passed the house 183-157.

**HB292** establishes a commission to study the consolidation of SAU's and passed 183-157. This would be a great way for district schools to save money by not rebuilding the reporting infrastructure and utilizing a regional SAU! Cyril and I have been promoting this idea as a viable cost-saver!

**HB324** prohibits obscene and sexual materials in school and creates a process for their removal. One of the promoters of the bill read sections from two books. Last year it caused over 100 representatives to storm out of the house. After returning, voting to KEEP these offensive books in the schools! We won this year by 183-148. **HB361** prohibits mandatory mask policies in schools. It passed 203-164.

**HB431** establishes a commission to investigate special education, re to understand the increase in costs and the number of students being identified for special education, and understand the impact of the state laws and federal laws on district costs and student education. It is hard to hold the school district accountable when its budget has a line item that can't be controlled. Passed 202-163. **HB741** expands the current open enrollment law and makes all public schools open enrollment, allowing a student to attend the public school of their choice. Passed 198-174.

**HB274** shortened cleanup of the voter rolls from every ten years to annually. If a voter has not voted in 5 years, he receives a notice to reply. If he does not confirm that he wants to stay on the voter roll, he will be removed. Clayton is a cosponsor of this bill. It passed 200-174.

**HB356** allowing a school district to adopt partisan school district election. Partisan elections can be adopted by towns. This would expand it to school districts. Passed 200-173

**HB357** limits childhood immunization requirements to diseases identified in statute and **HB358** passing 206-169 & allows for immunization exemptions for religious beliefs. **HB679** stipulates that any vaccines that are mandated must have undergone clinical trials that prove their efficacy. Passed 204-169.

**HB712** passed by 200-165 and limits breast surgeries for minors and provides a right of action against the surgeon.

**HB584** protects our public health, safety, & state sovereignty against world organizations, such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum. It passed 198-162.

**HB613** makes SB2 towns & school districts able to adopt, by a 3/5 majority vote, a default budget reduced by 1% - 10%. This bill passed 197-158.

**HB446** would require parental notice of non-academic surveys in public schools. Requires parents to opt-in for their children to take the surveys. This bill passed 202 - 166. **HB377** - required minors to wait until they are 18 to receive hormone treatments, puberty blockers and allows for a weaning off period. This bill passed 197 - 167.

**HB284** - requires tax impact statements be issued of municipal warrant articles.

**HB198** - FN legalizes cannabis possession for those 21 yrs and older but does not allow for public consumption. This bill passed 208 to 125. **HB154** enables voters to request their ballots hand counted. Passing on voice vote. **HB408**- moving the primary voting date to the 2nd Tues. in June. Passed on a voice vote.

**HB195** - as amended this bill gives individuals a reasonable expectation of privacy in their personal information, not to be disclosed. This bill passed 261 - 79.

**HB456** would allow your tax \$\$\$ to be used for lobbying purposes. It passed 187 - 163. **HCR10** calls for the repeal of the Jones Act which should aid in merchant marine development and US ship building. This bill passed 172 - 171.

**HB461** requires motor vehicle training and testing materials to be in English. It passed 187 - 159

Sincerely, your NH State Representatives Cyril Aures & Clayton Wood [info@ClaytonCyril4House.com](mailto:info@ClaytonCyril4House.com)