

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"As the days warm and the nights stay cold, the trees remind us it's time.
Language follows the land. So do we." – *Oneida Language Tradition*

March 18, 2026



Visit local Pittsfield Sugar Houses for NH Maple Weekend!

We're very fortunate to have three maple syrup sugar houses right here in Pittsfield. Plan to visit one or all of them over NH Maple Weekend, March 21st and 22nd.

Matras Maple started out when brothers Willie and Asa Matras were 10 and 5 years old, boiling sap down to maple syrup using a homemade setup, with the help of their Dad. Now the business has grown to about 2,800 tap operations and the brothers make about a thousand gallons of maple syrup each year. All of the sap that is boiled is trucked to the sugarhouse from sugarbushes (large stands of tapped maple trees) in three different towns, Epsom, Chichester and Pittsfield. The largest sugarbushes have vacuum systems which increases sap yield and helps make the yield a little more predictable. Fifty of the taps are old-fashioned buckets that line Governor's Road in Pittsfield. While both brothers have full-time jobs outside of sugaring, tapping trees and boiled sap is something they look forward to every year.

The sap is boiled on a two-and-a-half by eight-foot wood fired evaporator, and for energy efficiency, they use a reverse osmosis machine and steam-away hood over the evaporator. Their customers love the flavor of maple syrup on a wood-fired evaporator and the atmosphere it provides when they come to visit the sugarhouse.

This year Matras sugarhouse will be open for visitors to watch sap boil on March 14th and 28th; and they will also be open for NH Maple Weekend on March 21st and 22nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to their usual maple products, they will also have maple ice cream (made with milk from their own cows), maple cream, candy and sugar, cow's milk soap, art work and crafts, sweatshirts, t-shirts and more. Everyone is invited to stop in on one of these dates, watch the syrup making process and enjoy the sights and sounds of the cozy sugarhouse. Matras Maple is located at 821 Catamount Road, Pittsfield; their phone number is 603-724-9427 and their website is www.matrasmaple.com

Marston Farm Maple Syrup Sugar House, will also be open during NH Maple Weekend from 10am to 4pm. This historic dairy and now cattle farm has been run by the Marston family for over 250 years and is one of the oldest farms in New Hampshire in continuous operation. They invite you to bring your family and experience the magic of maple syrup making process. Marston's will have live music, plenty of pure maple syrup treats, maple pulled pork sandwiches, 'sap' dogs, maple cannoli and fresh baked goods. Marston Farm is located at 384 Webster Mills Road, Pittsfield; their website is www.marstonfarmnh.com

Journey's End Maple Farm is also welcoming visitors over the NH Maple Weekend. Marty Boisvert and his family own and operate the farm; he became fascinated with tapping trees and making syrup when he was 10 years old. Together with help and support from his parents, they steadily expanded.

Today the farm taps over 3,000 trees, gathers over 35,000 gallons of sap and produces about 1,000 gallons of syrup per year. During the open house, they will have a large range of maple treats, beverages and baked goods. Journey's End is located at 295 Loudon Road, Pittsfield; their phone number is 603-435-5127 and their website is www.journeysendmaplefarm.com

Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346

Wed, March 18, 6:30pm – The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Fri, March 20 - Seeking Recipes for **Community Cookbook!** The Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library are excited to be collaborating with Victory Workers 4-H Club and the South Pittsfield Community Club to put together a community cookbook. We invite recipes from Pittsfield, surrounding towns, former residents, friends, and supporters - anyone with a connection to our community. Submit your recipe by March 20, 2026. Please include your name and any brief notes or memories with your recipe. Submit online: <https://linktr.ee/pittsfieldcookbook> username: pittsfield password: cucumber424 or email: pittsfieldcookbook@gmail.com or drop off with staff or book return: Josiah Carpenter Library 41 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Cookbooks will be available for purchase early summer 2026.

Sat, March 21 & Sun, March 22, 10am-4pm - Matras Maple Open House. 821 Catamount Rd. Come visit the family run 2,800 tap sugarhouse operation with traditional wood fired evaporator. There are lots of maple items to check out and purchase. Open House dates are Sat. & Sun, March 21 & 22 from 10am-4pm, and Sat, March 28 from 10am-3pm (if sap is available) – Check their Facebook page for updates.

Sat, March 21 & Sun, March 22, 10am-3pm – Journey's End Maple Weekend. Family Fun, Live Demos, and local vendors at 295 Loudon Rd. For information, contact 603-252-6669.

Mon, March 23, 5pm - The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association will meet at the PMHS Media Center. We would love to see some new faces at our meeting! For more information, contact Andi Grainger Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or text at 603-451-8762.

Mon, March 23, 5:30pm – Soups On! At the First Congregational Church, Main St. Join us for a delicious offering of a variety of soups and a chance to meet some new friends! Cost is a donation. Please use the Chestnut St. parking area and entrance.

Thurs, March 26, 7pm – The Pittsfield Conservations Commission will meet at the Town Hall.

Sat, March 28 – SAVE THE DATE – the PTO is hosting the **3rd Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** and spring vendor fair. Breakfast is 8am to 10am in the Middle High School Cafe. There will be scrambled eggs, sausage, and toast, as well as a drink. The cost is \$5 per person. Once you are done, head on up to the gym to check out the **Craft Fair** from 8am to 1pm. There will be over 30 vendors with various products, as well as concessions and various raffles.

Sat, April 4, 9-10:30am – SAVE THE DATE – **EASTER PIE SALE.** The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St. is holding their annual Easter Pie Sale. Lots of varieties - \$10 EACH. Please use the Chestnut St. parking lot and entrance.

Senior Center Schedule (55 Barnstead Dr. Pittsfield, NH 03263 located in Joy Church) – Weekly Schedule: Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday 11:45am; Sweatin' to the Oldies: Monday & Wednesday 8am; Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-11:45am; Walking at Center: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am - 1pm; Women's Group: Monday 9-9:30am; Chair Yoga: Thursday 8am; Breakfast and Bingo: Wednesday 9am; and Knitting/Crochet: Thursday 9-9:30am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482 or Email: aalbers-reilly@capbm.org **** I TRY TO KEEP THIS INFO UPDATED, BUT PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTER TO VERIFY TIMES

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), 18 Park Street is open for Drop-In Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 3-6pm, and Wed 1-6pm. Stop in and check out the schedule! The food pantry at PYW continues to be stocked with snacks,

beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth. Open during Drop-In hours. For more information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at (603) 435-8272 or Text at 603-234-9788.

Join us every Saturday for **BINGO** hosted by **Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo**. They have 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 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6 pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Volunteer Drivers are needed. End 68 Hours of Hunger - Pittsfield is looking for caring volunteers to deliver food to local youth on Thursdays from 9:30am-10:30am. Local delivery routes around Pittsfield. There is also a need for Food Packers (packing the food from shelves to the bags for delivery) on Thursdays from 9am -10am. For more information or to volunteer, please text or call Angela at 603-219-6343.

The Pittsfield Conservation Commission wants to hear from you! Please complete this anonymous survey to help us understand your joys, concerns and hopes regarding Pittsfield's natural spaces: <https://forms.gle/zyyFqpiWGBShEehs6>

Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector change in public office hours effective October 15, 2025**
Wednesdays: closed all day to the public to meet administrative obligations. Modified Town Clerk/Tax Collector Public Hours: Monday 11am - 7pm, Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Wednesday - closed to public all day in order to meet administrative obligations, Thursday 7am - 4pm, and Friday 8am - 4pm

The 2026 Victory Workers 4-H Club's Annual Spring Plant Sale is happening NOW! 10" Hanging Baskets for \$40 or 1-gallon Hibiscus plants for \$30. All plants are locally grown by Pleasant View Gardens and will be ready just in time for Mother's Day. The *order deadline is Mon, April 6* and plants will be available for *pickup on Fri, May 8 from 12-5pm and Sat, May 9 from 9am - 12pm* at Davis Fuels, 1109 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom. Please contact a local Victory Workers 4-H club

member, or leader Mark Riel to place your order pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com



Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Cathie Tuttle on Mon, March 2, and Belated Happy Anniversary wishes to Norman & Mart-Ellen Tuttle on Fri, March 6. Happy Birthday wishes to Pam Clattenburg on Thurs, March 19; to Bob Facella on Sat, March 21; and to Nancy Kennedy on Sun, March 22.

Thank You! Spaghetti Dinner Was A Big Success

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group thanks all of you who came to the spaghetti dinner. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious, and it was a terrific fundraiser for our organization. Thank you very much for your donations and your support. We hope to see you all again next year!



Bring on
Spring
March
20th



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



First Congregational Church We have a place for you this Sunday

24 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263
Phone 603.435.7471

Office hours Tue 10-2, Wed 8-12, Thurs 1-5,
and by appointment

Who Doesn't Love a Parade??? A wonderful time for community to gather, to express their hopes, joys, and solidarity. Proximity is important; we want to have roadside seats being certain we see it all. Many go hours early to claim "Their Spot."

For years my parents lived on the Memorial Day parade route. This meant dozens of acquaintances filling our property. We provided drinks and donuts, others brought food as well. The best part was the view, so we saved spots in front of the house.

The Bible shows us a parade. We know it as Palm Sunday, when Christ entered Jerusalem, days before Passover and His sacrifice for us. It was a time of joy, hope, and solidarity for the Jews, remembering God delivering them from Egypt. It became a time of anticipating a new King who'd free them from foreign oppression. People gathered, songs were sung, "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the LORD's name." Suddenly it took on a new meaning. They sung it for decades, they hoped for centuries, and into that celebration, Hosanna, Messiah, Jesus came. While many were singing, shouting, and celebrating, many either did not know, or did not mean what they were saying. Five days later celebration turned to crucifixion.

As you prepare for candy & celebration, for dress & dinner: have you accepted who Jesus is? Have you claimed your spot? Do you understand the parade or is the parade passing you by?

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU THIS WEEK

- Sun. 10A—Worship (Nursery Available)
11A—Lite Lunch (not just coffee & cookies)
- Mon. 1:30P—Bible Study
- Tue. 8A—Men's Breakfast @ Friendly Diner
A group of guys just talking shop
- Wed 10a-2p Women's Craft Group
knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. lessons available
- Thur. 6:30P—Chancel Choir rehearsal

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU THIS MONTH

- Mon. March 23: 5:30P—Soup for You (free)
Donations support MomCo start-up costs
(a new fellowship for Pittsfield area moms starting Fall 2026)
- Tue. April 7: 9-11—Diaper Pantry (pull ups & wipes)
- Fri. April 10: 5:30—Free Community Meal
Donations support a local mission
- Tue. April 14: 6:30P—Dorcas Guild - A Women's Party
Bring a wrapped coffee/tea mug (new/used) to exchange

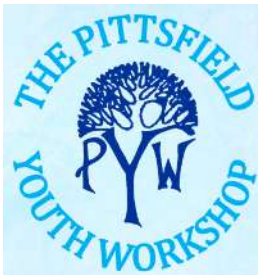
ALL MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES PLEASE USE THE CHESTNUT STREET ENTRANCE

+Dennis Russell

Winifred "Winnie" Storey

Our beloved Mother, Winifred "Winnie" Storey, passed away peacefully at home on March 10, 2026, with her caring family by her side. Winnie was just 101 years of age and was the recipient of the Boston Cane, presented to her by the Town of Pittsfield. She will be fondly remembered for her bright smile, contagious laugh, and love and acceptance of others.

Please visit www.roanfamilyfuneral.com for service information and other details of Winnie's life.



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Scan the QR Code to see our Spring
Calendar and Newsletter!



THE PITTSFIELD
YOUTH WORKSHOP



School Year Drop In Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
3pm-6pm
Wednesday:
1pm-6pm

**Check out the calendar for info on trips,
High School Only Nights, and the
Drop In schedule!**

Be sure to follow us on social media as any
changes to our schedule will be
posted on **Facebook** and **Instagram!**





**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY MARCH 28

TIME 10AM
RAIN DATE 4/4/26

DUSTIN PARK PITTSFIELD NH

- SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY
- 3 AGE GROUPS
- GUESS THE JELLY BEANS IN A JAR
- WIN THE GOLDEN EGG & SPECIAL PRIZES
- BAKE SALE- PROCEEDS GO TO PURCHASE A UNIVERSAL ACCESS SWING FOR THE POOL AREA

PITTSFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

**EASTER
PIE SALE**



\$10
each

Saturday, April 4th
9:00 – 10:30 AM
First Congregational Church
Dorcas Guild
24 Main Street, Pittsfield
Use Chestnut Street
Parking Lot & Entrance

Mic Night Postponed

"It's unfortunate that we fell short on registrations this time around. The last couple were a good time for everyone involved. The Board of Directors truly value Nathan Schrider of Tech Crew Productions' time and effort putting these fundraisers together, and we're disappointed that it hasn't worked out this year. We have made the call to take this as an opportunity to strike the set of the childrens' show, get "The Supporting Cast" set up earlier in the production, and move forward with the rest of our season. We will continue dedicating 10% of each show toward the sound system so that we will be able to keep working toward our goal of purchasing the equipment proposed."

From the President of The Pittsfield Players, Sarah Manter

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Cook's Corner Pan Seared Salmon with Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce and Zucchini & Squash Parmesan Tart

The days are growing longer and the temperatures are starting to warm up, a sure sign that Spring is on the way. Here are two recipes I know you'll enjoy as you welcome the early days of this new season. The salmon is so simple and delicious; and the squash tart is a great side for the fish, or served alongside a big salad. The tart is also low-carb, only 10 grams for a large slice. Bon appetit!

Pan Seared Salmon with Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce

- 4 salmon fillets
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- 3 TBSP lemon juice, divided
- 1 TBSP olive oil
- 2 TBSP butter
- 6 to 8 cloves garlic, finely chopped or minced
- 4 TBSP chopped fresh parsley
- ½ lemon, sliced

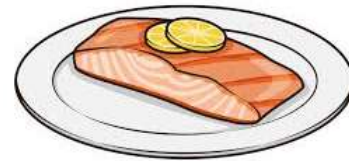
Pat salmon dry with paper towels. Season all over with salt & pepper. Squeeze 1 to 2 tsp lemon juice over the fillets and rub all the flavor in.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place salmon fillets, flesh side down, pressing them lightly so the entire surface makes contact with the pan. Sear, undisturbed, for 3 to 4 minutes until starting to get brown and crispy.

Flip the fish over and sear the other sides for 2 minutes. Add the butter, chopped garlic, 3 TBSP parsley, remaining lemon juice and the lemon slices. Stir the butter and garlic around the fish fillets.

Continue to cook for another 1 to 2 minutes or until salmon reaches desired doneness.

Garnish with remaining parsley and serve with the sauce drizzled on top.



Zucchini & Squash Parmesan Tart

- 1 sheet (reduced fat) puff pastry, thawed
- 1 & ½ zucchini, thinly sliced into rounds
- 1 & ½ yellow squash, thinly sliced into rounds
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 4 TBSP cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350. Roll pastry out slightly to form a rectangle. Use a small knife to score a border about 1 inch in from the edge.

Put the zucchini and squash, garlic and oil in a bowl. Season with salt & pepper. Toss gently to coat. In another bowl, combine the cream cheese and ½ of the Parmesan; season with pepper. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the pastry, inside the border. Arrange zucchini and squash slices on the pastry dough, in overlapping rows.

Bake the tart for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, scatter the remaining grated Parmesan over the tart and bake for another 15 to 20 minutes.

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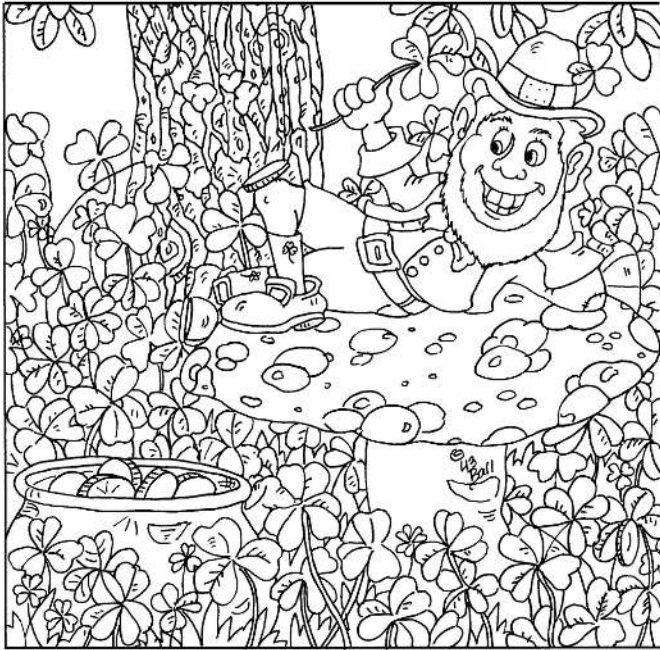
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Dispatch from Concord

Impactful Bills Passed during House Sessions on March 5.

HB1815 clarifies that THE LEGISLATURE—not THE COURTS —controls education funding policy. This bill expands what counts as state spending on “adequate education,” and identifies the legal grounds for the legislature to ignore the court’s decision. Finally addressing this mistake by the court staves off yet another attempt to bring a SALES or INCOME TAX to NH. Passed, 188-162. Voted for!

HB1048 repeals the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, sling shots and metallic knuckles except by or to minors. This bill passed 192-154. It is the third time that we have voted for this bill. Under current New Hampshire Law, you can possess a firearm but still be charged with a crime for possessing brass knuckles. Voted for.

HB1610 allows school districts to use annually unused general funds and encourages the school to return the money to the taxpayer. Right now, the district is more or less unaccountable as to how it is used, which is not legal! Passed 182-167. Voted for.

HB1238 increases the penalties for disobeying an officer from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class B felony. This bill specifically affects those who flee from police, since this can cause injuries to others. This bill failed 155-194. Voted for! This bill should have passed! We need to prevent high speed car chases!

HB1484 establishing a state minimum wage to \$12 and providing for incremental increases up to \$17 in 2029 failed to pass, 153-188. Right now, wages are already more than \$12! We need the free market to set the wage! Voted against.

HB1078 creating a Gold Star Family and Gold Star Father license plate to accompany the Gold Star Mother license plate! It passed with a loud simultaneous YEAH and moves on to the Senate. Voted YEAH!

HB1402 establishes required credentials for school superintendents and HB1403 relative to credentials of school business manager giving these positions even more authority and control of education and less to the school board. Both voted down 150-184 and 152-196. Voted against!

HB1264 attempted to overextend the authority of the education freedom savings account oversight committee to review the student data, eligibility requirements and expenditures. This was voted down 165-186. These guidelines were considered an overreach for the oversight committee and created concerns for family privacy. Voted against!

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@claytoncyril4house.com

Your State Representatives, Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood.



April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			6:30pm 1 Suncook Valley Rotary mtg. 6pm Paint night at JCL 7pm Suncook Valley Sno-Riders mtg.	4pm 2 Library Tween/Teen Book Club 5:30pm School Board meeting 5:30pm ZBA mtg.	3	4 9am-10:30am Dorcas Guild Easter Pie Sale
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Senior Center Hours Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm </div>						
5 	6 6:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 mtg. 6:30pm Victory Workers 4-H Club, PES	7 9am-11am 1st Congregational Church Diaper Pantry 6pm- Wardrobe Upcycle Wkshp at JCL	8 9:30am Library Trustee mtg 4pm Com. Development meeting	9 5:30pm PES/PTO mtg 5:30pm - Bedazzle Your Book at JCL 7pm Planning Board meeting	10 5:30-6:30 pm Community Supper, Congregational Church	11 8:30 - 9:30am Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
12 1-4 pm Pittsfield Historical Society Museum Open	13 6:30pm Greater Chamber of Commerce mtg. 6:30pm Library: Mead and Read Book Club	14 5pm Selectboard mtg.,Town Hall 6pm Parks & Rec mtg. .	15 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary mtg.	16 4pm Library Tween/Teen Book Club	17	18
19	20	21	 4pm Community Develop. mtg.	23 6:30 pm Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family mtg. 7pm Conservation Commission mtg.	24	25 2pm Black Out Poetry at JCL
26	27 5:30-6:30 pm Congreg. Church Soup's On!	28 5pm Selectboard mtg.,Town Hall	29	30 4pm Library Tween/Teen Book Club 6pm BCEP Com. mtg.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Food Pantry Mon. 11am-2pm 4-6pm Thurs. 11am-2pm (603) 435-7300 </div>	