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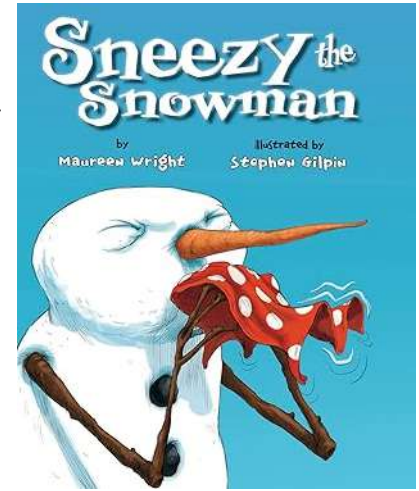
"In February, nature reminds us that even in the coldest moments, beauty can still flourish." – *Gabriela Alemán*. (Alemán is a Brazilian-born Ecuadorian writer and teacher.)

February 4, 2026

## Enjoy the cold weather with JCL!

The Josiah Carpenter Library's next StoryWalk® features "Sneezy the Snowman" as he tries to warm up on a cold and snowy day. Follow the book pages around town as you learn all the ways Sneezy tries to warm up. Grab your mittens and take 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 about snow, snowmen and keeping warm, visit the library. Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30-6 pm, and Saturdays, 10am-2pm, to check out our selections.



## Great American Talent Show

Don't miss the Great American Talent Show coming to the Scenic Theater stage, Feb. 12-13 at 7pm, and Feb. 14 at 2pm. You will be amazed at just what our young cast can do. You will laugh and cheer as the



contestants compete in front of our three very famous judges, as the finalists in their respective categories. An impressionist, a singer, a comedian, a model, a genius, a makeover artist and a one-man band. Hosted by the beautiful Sonny Breckinridge. And let's not forget our stage interns who keep the show running smoothly. If you want to laugh and enjoy some amazing talent, don't miss The Great American Talent Show.

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## **Pittsfield Town Crier**

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

**Tues. Mar. 3, 6:30pm** Attn: town and school candidates – The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the **Meet the Candidates Night** at the PMHS Lecture Hall. You should have received a letter inviting you to attend when you signed up to run for an elected position at the Town Hall. A one page introductory letter from you can be submitted by emailing to [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) (Attn: Andi Riel) or mail to Andi Riel, 960 Catamount Rd., Pittsfield, NH 03263. The letter must be received by Monday, Feb. 9, 5pm to be included in the packet that will be handed out. Questions for the candidates will be submitted by the public in attendance.

**Wed. Feb. 4, 7pm** - The **Suncook Valley Sno-Riders** will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station, Catamount Rd.

**Wed., Feb. 4, 6:30pm** - The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

**Wed., Feb. 4, 5pm** - **Be-Dazzle Your Book With Kate** at the Josiah Carpenter Library. Reserve your spot (603) 435-8406. Bring your own book. All other supplies will be provided. \$5 per person. The class is intended for ages 14 - adult.

**Thurs, Feb. 5, 6pm** - **The Pittsfield School District Deliberative Session** will be held at the PMHS GYM, 23 Oneida St.

**Sat. Feb. 7** - the **Josiah Carpenter Library** will be hosting two fun events. "Take Your Child to the Library Day", 10am-2pm, for snacks, crafts, games and a chance to check out the library. The 4th Annual "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" will start with Storytime at 6:30pm. There will be crafts and cookies & milk and you can leave your teddy bear or stuffed animal at the Library for the Sleepover and the next day hear about all the fun things "they" did.

**Sun, Feb. 8, 1-4pm** – The **Pittsfield Historical Society** Headquarters/Museum will be open to the public. Stop in and check out all the wonderful displays from Pittsfield's history.

Sun. Feb. 8 – Superbowl Sunday – GO PATRIOTS!!

**Mon. Feb. 9, 6:30pm** – **The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book Club** will meet at Over the Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

**Wed., Feb. 11, 6pm** - **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Centennial Anniversary Celebration**. To mark this historic milestone, Our Lady of Lourdes will host special events throughout the year, beginning with a Centennial Mass presided over by Bishop Peter Libasci at Our Lady of Lourdes, River Road. We warmly invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us as we celebrate 100 years of faith, devotion, and community. For more information about centennial events or to volunteer, please contact Kelley Cox at [kabood1@yahoo.com](mailto:kabood1@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Feb. 14, 8:30-9:30am** – **FREE Community Breakfast** at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome to attend.

**Mon, Feb. 16, 5:30-6:30pm** – **Community Supper** at the First Congregational Church, Main St. Cost is a donation. All are welcome and invited to attend. Come enjoy a delicious meal with friends.

**Tues., Feb. 24, 12-5pm** – **American Red Cross Blood Drive** in honor of Lucy "Goose" Bellemare at the Barnstead Elementary School gym, 91 Maple St., Center Barnstead. For an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code TEAMLUCY or call 1-800-733-2767.

**Tues., Feb. 24, 6pm** - **Painting with Robyn** at the Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main St. Call to reserve your space (603) 435-8406. Pre- registration required. \$20 per person and all supplies included.

**Feb 23 – Feb 27 – Winterfest** – Join the fun. Mon, Feb. 23, 11 am – Bingo at PES Café; Tues., Feb. 24, 10am-12pm- Scavenger Hunt at the Historical Society; Wed, Feb. 25 - carnival at 1pm and movie at 5pm at PES gym; Thurs., Feb. 26, 10am – Story Time Tea Party at the Library. (Dress as your favorite character from a book); and Fri, Feb. 27, 10am – Fun at Drake Field, weather permitting. Hosted by the Pittsfield PTO with collaboration from Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield Historical Society.

**Town & School District Absentee Ballot Applications** are available at the Town Hall or by visiting the Town website at [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) Absentee ballots will be mailed once printed and received when the warrant articles have been finalized after the Town

and School District deliberative sessions

**Senior Center Schedule** (55 Barnstead Rd., located in Joy Church) – Weekly Schedule: Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday 11:45am; Sweatin to the Oldies: Monday & Wednesday 8am; Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10-11:45am; 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 Please contact the center to verify times.

The **Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)**, 18 Park St., 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.

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



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

The **Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library** are seeking recipes for a **Community Cookbook**. We are excited to be collaborating with Victory Workers 4H 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. 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 St., Pittsfield, NH 03263. Cookbooks will be available for purchase early summer.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Heidi Darrah on Thurs, Feb. 5; to Tyler Chase on Tues., Feb. 10; to Sherry Belcastro Simoneau on Sat., Feb. 14, and to Patty Houle on Wed, Feb. 18.




**Pittsfield Players  
Youth Theater  
Workshop**  
 presents  

**The  
Great  
American  
TALENT SHOW**  
 BY JOSEPH ROBINETTE  


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**February 12 & 13 @ 7 pm  
February 14 @ 2 pm  
at The Scenic Theater**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service, Feb. 18, 7pm. As part of the service, there will be a time of prayer and reflection as well as the imposition of ashes. The Rev. Dennis Russell will lead the service with the addition of special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend. In addition, the church will be open from 7-9am. for anyone wishing to receive ashes.

Lent is the beginning of the 40-day season of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It culminates on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 603-435-7471.



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## PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on changing the fractional portion of revenues to deposit into the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund, in accordance with RSA 31:95-d.

The change to be discussed is to increase the portion of the ambulance billings to be deposited into the fund for future purchases. The balance of the billing revenue will go to the General Fund to offset the fire department's ambulance operating costs.

The Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund is an RSA 31:95-c special revenue fund that was established on March 10, 1998. The fund was amended on March 12, 2016, to allocate \$30,000 in ambulance billing revenue to the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund for future ambulance and equipment purchases, with the balance of the revenue to go the General Fund to offset the operating costs of the ambulance service. Subsequent town elections have increased this allocation to \$35,000 in 2020, then to \$70,000 in 2023.

Due to the increases in ambulance vehicle and equipment costs, the allocation to the fund needs to be adjusted to \$95,000 to maintain the 10-year ambulance replacement schedule. The need for this adjustment was realized during the 2025 update to the Capital Improvements Plan.

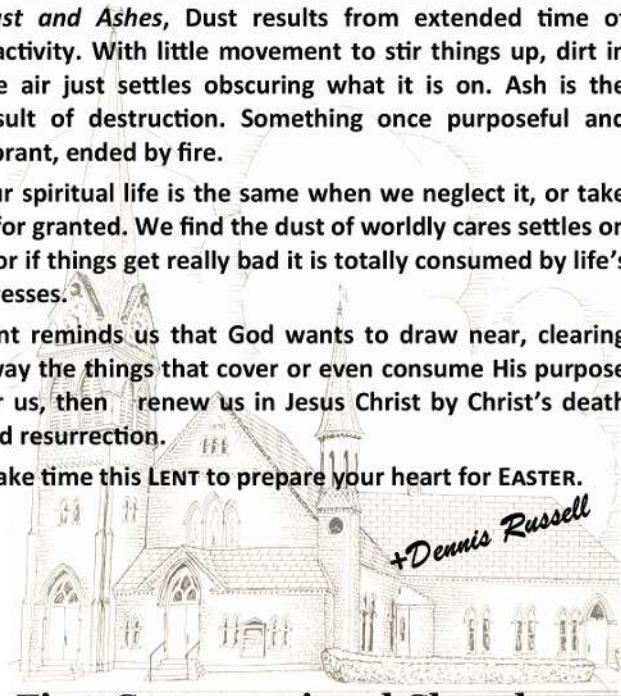
The public hearing will be held at 5:05pm on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Town Office, 85 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263.

*Dust and Ashes, Dust results from extended time of inactivity. With little movement to stir things up, dirt in the air just settles obscuring what it is on. Ash is the result of destruction. Something once purposeful and vibrant, ended by fire.*

*Our spiritual life is the same when we neglect it, or take it for granted. We find the dust of worldly cares settles on it or if things get really bad it is totally consumed by life's stresses.*

*Lent reminds us that God wants to draw near, clearing away the things that cover or even consume His purpose for us, then renew us in Jesus Christ by Christ's death and resurrection.*

*Make time this LENT to prepare your heart for EASTER.*



**First Congregational Church**  
*We have a place for you this Sunday*  
**24 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263**

### WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU ALL WEEK LONG

Sun. 10A—Worship  
11A—Lite Lunch (not just coffee & cookies)  
Mon. 1:30P—Bible Study (Chestnut St. entrance)  
Tues. 8A—Men's Breakfast @ Friendly Diner  
A group of guys just talking shop  
Wed 10a-2p Craft Group  
(knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. lessons available)  
Thur. 6:30P—Chancel Choir/7:45P—Bell Choir

### WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU THIS MONTH

Tues. February 10 6:30P—Dorcas Guild  
(A Party for Women)  
February's Theme: Hearts and Crafts  
Fri. February 13 5:30P—Community Dinner:  
*Swedish Meatballs w/noodles, salad, bread  
& Black Forest Upside-down cake*  
Mon February 23 5:30P—Soup for You  
*Meals are free. Donations go to Kairos Prison Ministry*

**Don't Forget Ash Wednesday on February 18th**  
7-9 AM Church open for Personal Contemplation & Ashes  
7 PM Corporate Worship & Ashes



## Cooks Corner – Chocolate Almond Flour Cake

Are you looking for a homemade sweet treat for your favorite Valentine? Here we go! This chocolate cake is very chocolatey and super easy to make. As for the topping suggestions (see recipe), you can change up the whipped topping flavors for all sorts of desserts. I love mixing lemon instant pudding into the Cool Whip and serving it on top of fresh berries in the summer; and you could make a dish of baked apples and raisins and top it with Cool Whip mixed with caramel flavored pudding. Happy Valentine’s Day! Bon appetit. *MP Christakos*

- ½ TBSP butter, softened
- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup honey
- 1 TBSP vanilla extract
- 1 cup almond flour

- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder (not Dutch processed)
- 1/8 tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking soda
- Confectioner’s sugar for dusting

Heat oven to 325. Grease a non-stick 8-inch cake pan with the softened butter.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, honey and vanilla extract.

Gradually whisk in the almond flour and cocoa powder. Finally whisk in the salt and baking soda. The batter will be fairly thin.

Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan. Bake until the center is set and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 30 minutes.

Cool on a cooking rack until it reaches room temperature, about 30 minutes. Dust with confectioner’s sugar, if desired.

Topping Idea: this recipe makes a fairly thin layer of cake. If you’re feeling fancy, you can make two. Then mix a container of refrigerated whipped topping, such as Cool Whip, with one package of vanilla instant pudding, mix well to combine. Top one layer with some of the flavored Cool Whip, and scatter with fresh raspberries. Put the other cake layer on top and dust with confectioner’s sugar. I always use sugar-free whipped topping and sugar-free instant pudding mix.



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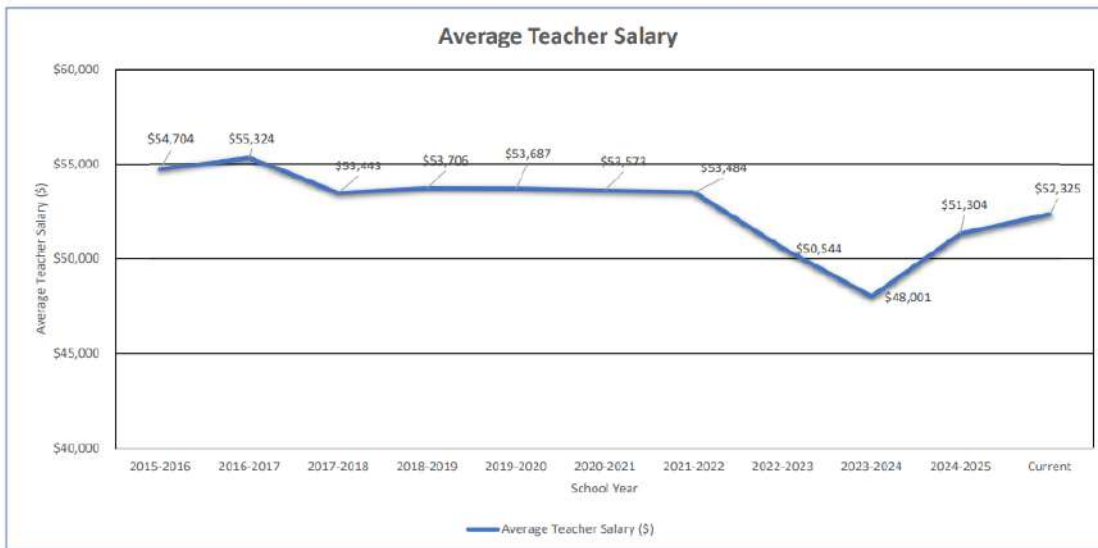
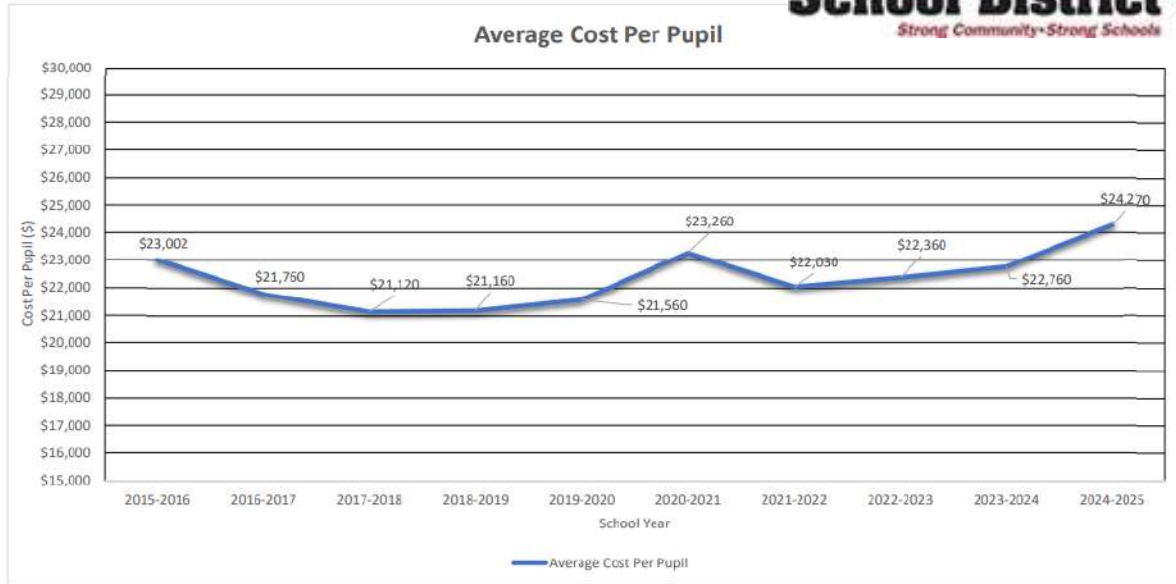
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**HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

**MANDATORY REPORT TO VOTERS**

**ON SCHOOL EXPENSES**



<b>Top Administrator Salaries (2024-2025)</b>	
<b>Administrator Title</b>	<b>Salary</b>
<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>\$156,000</b>
<b>Middle/High School Principal</b>	<b>\$106,695</b>
<b>Elem Principal</b>	<b>\$100,875</b>
<b>Middle/High Assist Principal</b>	<b>\$92,911</b>

### **School District Meeting Deliberative Session**

6pm, Thursday, Feb. 5, Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium

During an SB2 school district meeting, the school district first holds a deliberative session where voters can ask questions, discuss, and amend the warrant articles that will be printed on the official ballot. Some warrant articles are set by state law and cannot be amended. The subject of a petitioned warrant article cannot be eliminated (changed) by amendment, but the intent or purpose of the article may be changed by amendment. There is no final vote taken during the deliberative session. Instead, voters will later vote on those articles or the amendments by official secret ballot on election day (March 10), when they also choose officers.

**The proposed warrant article would designate Pittsfield Elementary School and Pittsfield Middle High School as open enrollment schools.**

### **Article 08 OPEN ENROLLMENT**

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to designate Pittsfield Elementary and Pittsfield Middle High Schools as open enrollment schools to allow an unlimited number of students from outside Pittsfield to attend schools within the Pittsfield School District as provided in RSA 194-D:2 and :3 and limit the percentage of Pittsfield students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside the Pittsfield School District to zero (0) percent of the school district’s current pupil enrollment.

### **Why is this Being Proposed?**

This would allow students from outside Pittsfield to attend Pittsfield schools when space exists. The article would also limit the percentage of Pittsfield students who may attend open enrollment schools outside the District to zero percent (0%).

### **What happens next?**

The Warrant Article will be on the ballot for public vote in March.

If you have questions prior to the March vote, please visit the district’s website <https://www.sau51.org/> and/or contact a schoolboard member to get your questions answered. Sandra Adams – Chairperson [sadams@sau51.org](mailto:sadams@sau51.org), Molly Goggin – Vice Chairperson [mgoggin@sau51.org](mailto:mgoggin@sau51.org), Adam Gauthier – Member [agauthier@sau51.org](mailto:agauthier@sau51.org), Timothy Robinson – Member [trobenson@sau51.org](mailto:trobenson@sau51.org), Eric Nilsson – Member [enilsson@sau51.org](mailto:enilsson@sau51.org)