PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"So the pie isn't perfect? Cut it into wedges. Stay in control, and never panic." *Martha Stewart*

November 25, 2026

News from The Pittsfield Beautification Committee

The Pittsfield Beautification Committee is expanding. We are now the Pittsfield Beautification & Cultural Organization. In addition to caring for our beautiful flower gardens in the summer, supporting the flag program, we're now adding culture and the arts. Our vision is to bring members of the community, and local groups together in the form of art workshops, exhibits featuring local artists, garden tours, and more.

Pittsfield is known for its beautiful landscapes, country setting, and the hugely popular Hot Air Balloon Festival. We are also fortunate to have one of the only true "downtowns" in the area, and yet we struggle to appreciate what we have in a community sense. We are neighbors and friends and it would be great to uncover the many hidden talents among us and create ways to share them with the rest of the community.

We feel Pittsfield is a fine place to call home and we're fortunate to live here, but there's always room for improvement. Let's create an interesting town that we can all brag about and be proud of. We strive to become known for our appreciation of art and the beauty within Pittsfield that could inspire art across all mediums.

This committee is not under the auspices of town government. We are a group of like-minded individuals who have formed a non-profit organization. We welcome others who have time or talent to donate.

Interested in finding out more information about our group – Email us at **PBCO2026@gmail.com**

We look forward to hearing from you!



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The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The Post publishes relevant news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and engaged.

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Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details are on our website. Deadline 9am on Friday.

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Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Wed, Nov. 25, 9am –till Sold Out (or 6pm) – Victory Workers 4-H Club annual **Thanksgiving Pie Sale**. Dowboro Farm Store, 615 Dowboro Rd, Pittsfield.

Thurs, Nov. 26 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY** to ALL. I hope everyone can enjoy time with family and friends.

Fri, Nov. 27 – Pittsfield Middle High School Annual **ALUMNI Basketball games** - **Girls at 5:30pm and Boys at 6:30pm.**

Fri, Nov. 27 and **Sat, Nov. 28, 9am – 6pm, Sun, Nov. 29 – 9am -3pm** – Sawyer's Holiday Open House, 520 North Barnstead Rd, Barnstead. Country home filled with NH handmade items just in time for the Holidays. For info, call 603 496-9086. Credit card, Cash, Check and Venmo accepted.

Now till Nov. 30 - From the **Pittsfield food pantry**. It's time to sign up for the **Christmas voucher** to Market Basket. Please come to the Pittsfield Food Pantry, 55 Barnstead Rd. to sign up before Nov. 30. You must be a Pittsfield resident with a Street address (no PO Box) and a working phone number. Pantry hours are **Mon, 11-2pm & 4-5pm Thurs, 11am-2pm** Phone: 603 435-7300,

Now till Nov. 30 – The **Pittsfield Firefighters Association** is sponsoring the **Secret Santa Program**. Sign-ups open until November 30th. Secret Santa is open to Pittsfield residents who could use a little support this Holiday Season: children from birth to 14. To apply, please call the fire station at 603 435-6807, or stop in at the fire station in person. You must be a resident of Pittsfield and the child's parent or guardian with custody of the child. Due to the increased need, we ask that applicants apply to only one local program for assistance with holiday gifts for their children.

Tues, Dec. 1, 9-11am – First Congregational Church Pittsfield NH, **Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** Open **December 1st** for families to receive diapers. We generally have NB through size 6 along with pull ups and overnights. Parking lot off Chestnut Street. We accept monetary donations, diapers (including open packages) and wipes - Questions:: 603 435-7471.

Wed, Dec. 2, 6:30pm – The Suncook Valley **Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Thurs, Dec. 3, 7pm – The Suncook Valley **Sno-Riders** will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station, Catamount Rd.

F**ri, Dec. 4, 7pm** - The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, are pleased to present a free **Christmas concert entitled "Ring and Rejoice,"** Friday, December 4, 7 p.m. This special one-hour concert will include a variety of lovely Christmas music that you and the family are sure to enjoy and participate in. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar for this delightful evening of music, invite your friends, and feel free to wear your favorite Christmas clothing! Parking and wheelchair accessible entrance are located at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. Overflow parking is available at the Historical Society (4 Oak Street) in unreserved spots. Call the church office for more information: 603 435-7471.

Sat, Dec. 5, 4-6pm – The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** Celebration- 4-6pm at Dustin Park. Free cookies, cocoa, candy canes, popcorn, Horse & Wagon rides, Holiday Story time at the Library, Pictures with Santa, Gingerbread House raffle & display, music.

Sat, Dec. 5 at the Pittsfield Middle High School:

8-10am – **PES PTO Breakfast with Santa**

8-1pm – **PES PTO Holiday Fair** at the PMHS Gym. Questions-**pittsfieldnhptovendorfair@yahoo.com**

9am-11am – Holiday Children's Store sponsored by the PMHS Basketball teams. Kids only shopping. Donations of gently used or new items are being collected and can be dropped off at the Pittsfield Middle High School, the Post Office or the Friendly Diner. Are you interested in wrapping gifts on Dec. 5, contact Coach Jay Darrah at **jaydarrah@sau51.org**

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Sat, Dec. 5, **4pm - Community Holiday Concert** at Congregational Church of North Barnstead- Please join us for our 4th annual community holiday concert 504 North Barnstead Rd, Barnstead. Music luminaries Joyce Andersen & Harvey Reid, amazing artists have been making music professionally for their entire lives, toured extensively across the country and abroad, earning a long list of awards and recognition for their distinctive and deeply-rooted Americana music. Tickets, by donation, available at the door (or call 603 776-1820). Suggested donation $20 pp or $35 for the family.

Mon, Dec. 7, 6:30pm - The Victory Workers 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting at the PES GYM.

Mon, Dec.7, **6:30pm** – **The American Legion** Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

NOW through Mon, Dec. 7 – PYW is collecting donations for Meals on Wheels Holiday Gift bags. PYW youth will decorate, fill, and deliver these special bags to the Senior Center. We'd love your help spreading holiday cheer. Donations: muscle rub, travel-size tissues, lip balm, throat lozenges, Individually packaged snacks, mints and candies, crossword puzzle books, greeting cards, card games. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our youth spread a little extra holiday cheer to local seniors. ?s: **ashley@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org**.

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

Thurs, Dec. 10, **6pm** – **The Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family** group will hold their Christmas gathering at Corine Miller's home.

Thurs - Sat, Dec. 10-12- **7:30pm-9:30pm** and **Sun, Dec.13, 2:30pm-4:30pm** – The Pittsfield Players present **"The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon"** at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St. For more information, contact **www.pittsfieldplayers.org** or 603 435-8852.

Sat, Dec. 12, **10am – 4pm** – **A Parent's Christmas Day Out.** We'll watch your kids while you shop, decorate, wrap…. Please call the First Congregational Church at 603 435-7471 to learn more.

Sat, Dec. 12, **10am – 4pm – Journey's End Maple Annual Holiday Open House**, 295 Loudon Rd., Pittsfield.

Wed, Dec. 16, **5:30-7:30pm – Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop** at the Josiah Carpenter Library. Enjoy a snack, visit with friends while you learn how to easily decorate your holiday cookies. Please call to register at 603 435-8406.

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. For information about this wonderful organization, contact: **https://gda21foundation.org**

******* PYW WILL BE CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Break on Wed-Fri, Nov. 25-27**

Happy Birthday wishes to Sue Bleckmann Thurs., Nov. 26; Erica Anthony Sat., Nov. 28, Ethan Chadbourne, Nov. 29, Stacey Wittenberg and Cassie Tiede Sat, Dec. 5, Heather Tuttle Sun, Dec. 6, Pepper Sue Kimball, Heather Davis and Jeff Miller Tues, Dec. 8 and to Woven Kimball on Wed, Dec. 9



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Help us tell our story!

As we celebrate our 40th birthday, we want to hear from the people who have been part of the PYW community over the years! Whether you were an attendee, parent, volunteer, staff member, or proud supporter, we would love to hear what PYW has meant to you.

Scan the QR Code to share your thoughts with us!

Privacy Notice: Any contact information you provide will be kept private and will not be shared with anyone outside of PYW. We will only use your contact information to follow up with you regarding your submission.



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Your response before 12/31/26 is much appreciated. Thank you for being part of PYW's story and helping us celebrate 40 years!

Update from the State House

The timeline for getting work done in the NH House and Senate is unforgiving. New State Reps have just finished three days of intense orientation to our roles and responsibilities, nominated a Speaker of the House from each party, been introduced to our roles as delegates to our respective counties (surprise!), and filed all Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) by the November 18 deadline that will be considered in the session beginning in January.

December 2 is Organization Day when the full House will select a Speaker of the House (candidates are Alexis Simpson from the Democratic caucus and Jason Osborne from the Republican caucus). We will all take the oath of office that day and take additional votes with the Senate to select a Secretary of State (David Scanlan has three challengers this year) and a State Treasurer. Committee Chairs will be announced in mid-December, and committee members will be announced on December 24. The first session day is January 6.

In addition to the work required in a budget year, nearly 1,600 Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) have been filed. While some of these may be withdrawn or merged, the vast majority of these will likely turn into a formal bill, each of which will require a hearing and a vote. I filed three LSRs and have signed on as a co-sponsor for several others. Some State Reps have single-handedly filed upwards of 40 LSRs, an unsustainable number that I hope to address with a proposed rule change on December 2. The Office of Legislative Services is working full tilt to get these into the database which can be searched by keyword or prime sponsor at **https://gc.nh.gov/lsr_search/Default.aspx**

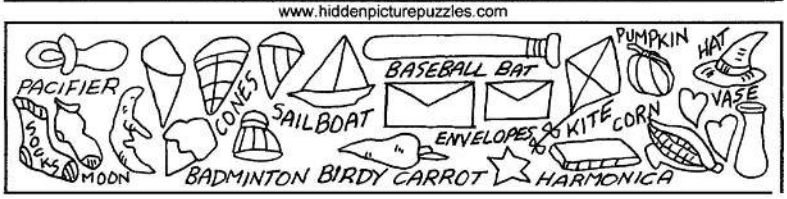
Representative-elect Becky Berk

Merrimack 13, Pittsfield and Chichester









Pittsfield Post Celebrates!

The very FIRST issue of the *Pittsfield Post* was published on November 20, 2019. *The Suncook Valley Sun* had recently closed its doors, leaving our community feeling isolated, adrift, and out of touch. But, where there is a will there often is a way, and a small group of like-minded volunteers emerged to share a vision and find the way. The goal: to create a free publication that would reconnect people with the events and activities in Pittsfield. It turned out to be a truly ambitious but worthy undertaking.

Here is an excerpt from the first issue:

"*This may be tiny, but we can share local events and news, and in time it may grow. The newspaper is modeled on the experience of Weare, NH. Approximately three years ago Weare lost their weekly paper. In response they chose to have their library produce a four-page paper: Weare in the World. We are grateful to Michael Sullivan of the Weare Public Library for sharing his knowledge with Pittsfield.*"

And the *Post* has grown! We worked hard, but we couldn't have done it without YOUR help! You have shared your opinions, your activities, your events, your recipes, your losses, and your photos. The *Post* has celebrated annual graduations and shared the graduates' portraits and future plans. And during the recent mid-term election cycle, the *Post* published a whopper of a 16-page edition filled with election-related editorials, school events and notices, community events and updates, various churches' activities and, of course, the Town Crier and Cooks Corner.

Now the *Post* is asking for your financial support. The *Post* is a free newsletter, but it's not free to produce, publish, or distribute electronically.

If you read the *Post* to find local events or news, please support us.

If you enjoy the puzzles or try the recipes, please support us.

If your favorite organization uses the *Post* to publish events, please support us.

If you have written or read opinion pieces, please support us.

Now is the time.



Please donate via our webpage: **www.pittsfieldpost.org** If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to PCDC, with ***Pittsfield Post*** in the memo line, and mail it to PCDC, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Any amount is greatly appreciated.



We appreciate your support and want to continue providing your local news!

Decorated Wreath Contest

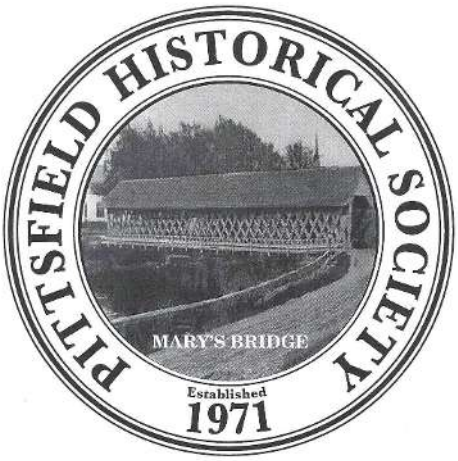
The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce and Pittsfield Youth Workshop are sponsoring a DECORATED WREATH CONTEST at the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Sat, Dec.5. Everyone is invited to bring a decorated wreath (anyway you'd like). The wreaths will be displayed and the public will have a chance to vote for their favorite and select the winners. *** This year we will have a YOUTH DIVISION (ages 18 and younger) and an ADULT DIVISION. The winners will be announced at 6:05pm at the end of the Tree Lighting and will receive a $50 CASH PRIZE (for Adults) and a Special Prize for Youth, donated by PYW. Please drop your wreath off on Sat, Dec. 5 by 3:45pm at PYW (Pittsfield Youth Workshop, 18 Park St.), and please pick up your wreath by 6:15pm. Any wreaths that are not picked up will be donated to local groups. The contest is open to everyone! Get in the Holiday Spirit and show off your creativity. For more information, contact Andi Riel, call or text 603 451-8762 or **pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com**

The Perfect Gift! Pittsfield Historical Society's 2027 calendar!

Do you ever wonder what the perfect gift would be for your friends who moved from Pittsfield? The grandparents, parents, or any other relative who has everything and says they don't need anything? Or the last-minute gift for a gift exchange?

The Historical Society's 2027 calendar is the perfect gift! It won't break the budget at $15 and this year it will take you on a tour of the south side of Main Street. With twenty-five images of the exterior and interior of buildings and scenes, it captures the essence and history of the wonderful town of Pittsfield. Martha Moloy gathered information compiled from Larry Berkson's recent book and selected both recent and historical images of these significant landmarks. It's the perfect tour!

Calendars can be purchased at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, or the museum. You can also contact Fuzz Freese at 603 848-4488.







WINTER PARKING BAN REMINDER

The Pittsfield Police Department would like to remind residents that the Town of Pittsfield's winter parking ban goes into effect on **November 15** and remains in effect **through April 15. Hours: 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM**

During these dates and hours, overnight parking on public streets is prohibited.

These restrictions are in place to allow Public Works crews to safely and efficiently plow, sand, and maintain our roadways throughout the winter months.

Vehicles parked in violation of the winter parking ban may be subject to ticketing and towing.

We encourage residents to make arrangements for off-street parking and remind everyone that the parking ban remains in effect regardless of whether snow is in the forecast.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep Pittsfield's roads safe and accessible throughout the winter season!

Wigilia – A Polish Christmas Tradition

A simple table, a tuft of hay in its center (no Baby Jesus as He hasn't been born yet), an empty chair reserved for an unexpected guest who might appear. That is the setting for Wigilia (w pronounced like a v), a traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner celebration, often considered more precious and important than Christmas Day itself. The meal isn't supposed to begin until the first star appears in the night sky – that's debatable. And the first order of business is the breaking of the oplatek, a Christmas-embossed wafer similar to a Communion wafer. Each person at the table is given a hefty piece of wafer and all would walk around the table, "breaking" off a piece of each other's oplatek and wishing them "glad tidings" for the coming year. My daughter, Libby, still receives these wafers from our cousins in Poland.

Both sets of my grandparents emmigrated from Poland, and from different regions. We spent my early years having Wigilia with my Dad's family in Pittsfield, rarely driving to Manchester to be with my mother's clan. Originally the meal consisted of 12 courses (representing the 12 apostles) served one by one. There was no meat (because originally it was a day of fast and abstinence from meat), but we did have fish. Grammy Pauline would spend the morning frying smelts, and making chrusciki, a deep-fried "bowtie" crispy cookie dusted with powdered sugar. Aunt Stel would present the nalesniki, a cottage-cheese stuffed crepe that was folded into a square and topped with a single raisin. There was also a dessert (which I don't think the younger ones ever ate) – kutia, dough pieces resembling a "pudding" and served with a sweet poppy seed syrup. I honestly don't remember the other dishes that were served, but I do know the clan in Manchester was eating a borscht (not the beet variation, but one made with fermented groats), lima beans and loads of pierogi. As I said my grandmothers came from different regions in Poland, and Grammy Pauline did not make pierogi.

As the years went on and the "older" ones passed, Wigilia's dinner was modified to suit the tastes of the guests. My mom (Helen Daroska) took over for her family. She would serve the first course, lobster bisque, followed by two varieties of pierogi, some filled with cabbage and some with farmers cheese. Next came the seafood newburg (no more smelts), then the pierogi and then the applesauce-filled placki (a word that really refers to more of a pancake than a crepe). The feast usually would end with the singing of Polish Christmas carols, and often, midnight mass.

After my mom passed, I took over hosting Wigilia for several years, and now daughter Libby and her husband, Keith, are in charge. We kept the fish tradition going for a few years, either seafood newburg or crab cakes, but now that my husband, Richard, has passed, I'm the only one who will eat fish, so they've modified the menu to include a course of macaroni and cheese. Lots of pierogi, which Libby and I have shared making, but now her little ones want to help in the kitchen, so I just prepare the cabbage filling. Libby fills the crepes with applesauce, rolls them and sprinkles with powdered sugar.

I hope many of you continue with family traditions at the holidays, whether it be a meal, or recipes or favorite things to do. Whatever it is you cherish about the festive season, I wish you glad tidings.

Wesolych Swiat – Merry Christmas!

Martha Moloy, *Post* Volunteer

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Traditions

The *Pittsfield Post* is interested in your traditions, and invites all of you to share some aspect of your holiday celebrations. We're looking for anything that personalizes your way of gathering, whether it is a family or favorite recipe, a special meal, a funny story, or a long-loved tradition steeped in family history. We hope many of you will be willing to share a story or recipe that exemplifies how you celebrate the holidays. Please submit your stories to **news@pittsfieldpost.org**

Notes from the Selectboard

The meeting on November 17th was another budget work session, as the Board continues to draft a municipal budget to put before the voters the first Tuesday of March. Other than passing the Consent Calendar and getting signatures on the Accounts Payable, the entire rest of the public session was devoted to the unfinished draft budget. The entire focus of this board is to produce a budget that meets requirements and wherever possible eases the burden on Pittsfield's taxpayers.

One change this budget cycle is a shift to add warrant articles to this year's ballot that give the voters more direct input to spending. Rather than include everything as a line item on the proposed budget, funding for certain programs will come in the form of yes or no questions for the voters to accept or reject. For example: do the voters want 24/7 police, fire and ambulance coverage? The answers to questions of this type will provide this board with a clearer picture of what the voters want and whether they are willing to sustain those programs.

One bit of financial good news: our Financial Administrator moved municipal bank accounts to interest bearing accounts. This means that instead of sitting idle, the town's available funds will earn interest and become a revenue source.

Much work remains regarding the 2027 budget, both by the Selectboard and then the Budget Committee. Before the deliberative session when it is presented to the voters for comment, the Selectboard and the Budget Committee will review, adjust, and make recommendations. Then we will craft the warrant to present to the voters on Election Day.

On Tuesday, the 24th the Selectboard meets for a regular session. Join us if you can. Here's hoping everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

J.C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard

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2 cups flour

2 eggs

½ cup milk

½ tsp. salt

Mound flour on cutting board, make a hole in the center and drop the eggs into the hole, cutting into the flour with a knife. Add salt and water, knead until firm, let rest 10 minutes covered with a warm bowl. On a lightly floured surface, take half the dough and roll out (about an 1/8-inch thick) and cut into 3-inch circles (you can use a glass or a biscuit cutter.). Add flour to your board as needed.

Place a spoonful of filling into the center of your dough circle, moisten the edge with water, fold dough over the filling to make a half moon, and use a fork to seal the edges tightly. In a large pot with boiling water, place pierogis into the water, and gently boil 3-5 minutes. The cooked ones will float to the top, but make sure they are cooked before you take them out. When done place them on a cotton kitchen towel, and before they cool too much, roll them in crushed butter crackers.

Cabbage Filling

Shred one small green cabbage and boil in a pot of water until tender. Drain and remove as much excess water as you can. Dice a small onion and place with 1 or 2 tablespoons of butter in a saute pan and add cabbage. Season with salt and pepper. Saute 10-15 minutes on medium low heat.

Cheese Filling

Combine one package of farmers cheese with half (or less) red onion, minced.

Final step: melt a couple tablespoons of butter (add more when needed) and saute the pierogi until golden on both sides. Some recipes call for carmelized onions to serve with the pierogi instead of the cracker crumbs. Your choice.

You can choose from a multitude of fillings, including potato, potato and cheese, blueberries, and yes, even meat. Enjoy!



Taco Stuffed Peppers

Now that "turkey day" is behind us, I bet you're ready for something different. These Taco-Stuffed Peppers should do the trick! They're super easy to make and if there are any leftovers, they reheat well in the oven. I like to serve these with Spanish rice, corn and a salad on the side. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

6 large multi-colored bell peppers

½ tsp kosher salt, divided

1 lb bulk sausage

1 lb ground beef

1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped

2 TBSP tomato paste

1 envelope taco seasoning mix

1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained & rinsed

1 (10 oz) can Rotel, do not drain

1 cup frozen corn, thawed

¾ cup Cotija cheese, crumbled, or shredded Cheddar

¼ cup fresh chopped cilantro

For serving: sour cream, guacamole, salsa, jalapenos

Heat oven to 400. Cut off tops from the bell peppers; discard tops, remove and discard seeds and membranes. Sprinkle the insides of the peppers evenly with ¼ tsp of salt. Arrange peppers upright in a 13x9 inch baking dish.

Cook sausage and ground beef in a large skillet. Add onion and remaining ¼ tsp salt; cook, stirring until onion is softened, about 4 minutes.

Stir in tomato paste and taco seasoning mix; cook for 1 minute. Add black beans, Rotel and corn. Reduce heat to medium; simmer the mixture for 5 minutes.

Stir in ½ a cup of the cheese, cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in cilantro until well combined.

Spoon about 1 cup of meat mixture into the peppers, packing lightly.

Bake in the oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle the tops with the remaining cheese. Return to the oven and bake for another 5 minutes.



Post-It in the *Post*

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work! Deadline is 9 a.m. Friday.

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A Thank You to the Voters of Pittsfield and Chichester

Dear Friends and Constituents,

First, thank you. I am sincerely grateful to the voters of Pittsfield and Chichester for once again placing their confidence in me and reelecting me to serve another term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Your support is an honor.

I have always believed that public service is about doing what you say and saying what you do. I intend to continue representing you with the same commitment to fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, parental rights, educational freedom, and accountable government that has guided my service.

The Republican defeat in the House significantly changes the political landscape, but it does not change my commitment to the people I represent. As members of the minority, we will have fewer opportunities to shape the legislative agenda, determine committee leadership, and influence the direction of legislation. Advancing conservative reforms, restraining government spending, and challenging policies with which we disagree will undoubtedly become more difficult. But being in the minority does not mean being without a voice, and it certainly does not mean surrendering our principles.

I will continue to scrutinize legislation, question unnecessary spending, defend taxpayers, protect parental rights, support school choice, and oppose efforts to expand government at the expense of individual liberty. I will also work with members on both sides of the aisle whenever doing so benefits our constituents. Cooperation, however, should never come at the expense of the principles we were elected to defend.

New Hampshire's traditions of limited government, personal responsibility, and individual freedom remain worth defending. I sought reelection to stand up for the people of Pittsfield and Chichester, defend our freedoms, protect taxpayers, and hold government accountable. Those responsibilities do not change because the political balance of the House has changed.

Thank you again for your confidence, your support, and the privilege of representing Pittsfield and Chichester.

Sincerely,

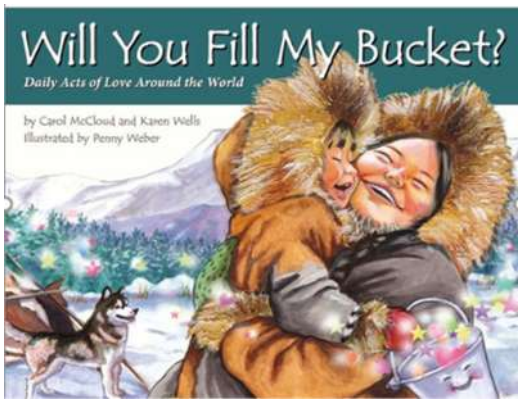
Clayton D. Wood
State Representative

Walk, Read, and Spread Kindness with JCL's Newest StoryWalk ®

Will You Fill My Bucket? by Carol McCloud and Karen Wells introduces children to the core concept of emotional support and love—referred to as "bucket filling"—while highlighting global cultural diversity. The book encourages pausing for meaningful, everyday interactions like listening, cuddling, and playing. This message makes a wonderful framework for embracing kindness and slowing down during the busy holiday season.

Book 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 new community bulletin board at Dustin's 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 kindness, holidays or any of your favorite topics, 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.

If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide StoryWalk® this year, please let us know!

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food Pantry Mon 11am - 2pm 4 - 6pm Thurs 11am - 2pm 603 435-7300		1 **9am-11am** 1st Cong. Church Diaper Pantry	2 **6-8pm** Mahjong at Josiah Carpenter Library	3 **5:30pm** School Board Mtg Media Center **6pm** ZBA Mtg Town Hall	4 **7pm** First Congo Church Holiday Concert	5 **8am** Breakfast with Santa **8-1** Pes/PTO Craft/VEndor **4-6** Tree Lighting
6	7 **6:30pm** American Legion, Town Hall **6:30pm** Victory Workers 4-H Mtg	8 **6pm-8pm** Selectboard Mtg,Town Hall	9 **9:30am** Library Trustee Mtg. **4pm** Community Dev. Mtg **6:30pm** Library Mead and Read Book Club	10 **All Day** Planning Board Mtg, Town Hall	11 **5:30-6:30 pm** Community Supper, First Congregational Church	12
13 **1pm-4pm** Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	14 **5:30pm** PES/PTO Mtg	15	16 **5:30-7:30pm** Cookie Decorating at Josiah Carpenter Library **7pm** – Suncook Valley Rotary Club Mtg	17 **6pm** ZBA Mtg, Town Hall	18	19
20	21	22 **6-8pm** Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall	23 **4pm** Comm. Dev. Com. Mtg, Town Hall	24 **7pm** Conservation Com. Mtg, Town Hall	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 **6pm** BCEP Committee Mtg.	**Senior Center Hours** Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm	