

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see a shadow." – Helen Keller

November 6, 2024

Church Celebrates Anniversary

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will celebrate its 235th Anniversary Sunday, November 17, during a special church service at 10 a.m. The service will include ringing the church's 148-year-old bell, reading from the church's history book (authored by Larry C. Berkson), special music and refreshments.

From the church's bylaws: "In the month of September, 1787 the Congregational Society met at the corn barn of Colonel John Cram, who was the first settler in the town. Here they deliberated, discussed, and planned for the spiritual welfare of the people, present and future, and here they took measures for the regular preaching of the gospel. On November 17, 1789, the Congregational Church of Pittsfield was duly organized, with the Congregational form of government, doctrine and discipline."



The Three Meetinghouses of the First Congregational Church, Pittsfield, New Hampshire

This celebration is a *community* celebration, not just a church celebration. This is Pittsfield history! The Community Supper hosted by the church Monday, November 18, 5:30, continues the celebration with a special dinner. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 603 435-7471. *Nella Hobson*, First Congregational Church



Annual Christmas Fair

Mark your calendar – this fair is not to be missed! The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will hold its 2024 Christmas Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There are knits, crafts, ornaments, baked goods, the "Unique Boutique," and more! The Silent Auction ends when the fair ends at 2 p.m.; successful bidders will be notified then. Both the rear (parking lot) and courtyard doors will be open. Wheelchair accessibility is through the rear door. For more info, call the church office at 603 435-7471. *Nella Hobson*, First Congregational Church

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Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Long time former Pittsfield resident, Sheila Fries is celebrating her 90th Birthday on November 5th. We would love to shower her with 90 birthday cards!!! Please send your birthday greetings to her at Sheila Fries, c/o Andy Fries, 244 Center Hill Rd, Epsom, NH 03234.

Tuesday November 5, 9-11 am - First Congregational Church of Pittsfield NH, the Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry will be open for families to receive supplemental diapers once per opening, now once every month. Each family receives diapers/product per child in need, and one package of wipes per family. We generally have NB through size 6 diapers, along with pull-ups and overnights. We use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate your donations!! Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages) and donations of wipes are always welcomed. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions, including donation questions.

Tuesday November 5, 7am-7pm - Voting Day! 2024 State General Election at Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium, 24 Oneida Street. The Town Moderator will begin processing Absentee Ballots at 9:00am on Election Day, November 5, 2024

Wednesday November 6, 7pm - The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will meet at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

Wednesday November 6, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Historical Society Museum, Oak Street.

Wednesday November 6, 5:30-7pm - Join us at Josiah Carpenter Library for our highly anticipated candle making workshop! We will be making 2- 8 oz candles, choose your jar color select from 6 scents. Participants are asked to arrive 10 minutes early-NO refunds or credits if you RSVP for this workshop. Included, refreshments, 2 candles, and 10% off coupon on your next order with Stevens Farmhouse. TICKETS ARE REQUIRED. Purchase tickets at <https://stevensfarmhouse.com>

Thursday, November 7 - Senior Center Deadline for sign up for Thanksgiving Lunch which will be served on Wednesday, November 20, at 12:00 PM:

Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings.

Friday, November 8 - Deadline to register for Pittsfield Youth Athletics Association Basketball. Ages 4-12, \$50/player. Coaches and Sponsors are needed. For information, please visit the website at www.pittsfieldyouthathletics.com or email pittsfieldyouthathletics@gmail.com

Saturday, November 9, 8:30am - 9:30am - FREE Community Breakfast at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend - please join us! Sunday November 10, 11:00am - A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Dustin Park

Sunday November 10, 1-4pm - lic. Please stop in and view all the wonderful Pittsfield Historical Society Museum is open to the public artifacts.

Tuesday November 12, 7:15pm, the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet at the Community Center.

Thursday, November 14, 6pm - Josiah Carpenter Library sponsors a Pie Making Workshop. Call to reserve your space - 603-435-8406. \$15 per person. Choose between apple and pear cranberry.

November 15th, 16,17,22,23 - The Pittsfield Players proudly present: "Into the Woods!" Show times are at 7:30pm & November 17th at 2pm at the Scenic Theater, Depot St. To purchase your tickets, visit our website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org or call to RESERVE at (603) 435-8852! Tickets are \$20

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Saturday December 7, The PES PTO Holiday Craft Fair will be held 9am-2pm at the PMHS Gym. Spaces are still available at \$40 for 8x8 space. pittsfieldnhptovendorfair@yahoo.com for information and to secure a spot. 4-6pm at and then attend the Dustin Park Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration!

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 your family up, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/> We're seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. To learn more, contact Mike Curtin or Kate Price at mcurtin@sau51.org or kprice@sau51.org.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), 5 Park Street, After School Hours: Drop-In Hours on: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 3pm-6pm and Wednesday 1pm-6pm, Stop in and check out the schedule! The PYW pantry is 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](tel:6034358272) or Text at [603-234-9788](tel:6032349788).

PYW and Meals on Wheels - PYW Youth are creating gift bags for Pittsfield area Meals on Wheels clients iWe are currently accepting donations of the following items: Crossword puzzles, brain teasers, travel sized toiletries, tissues, pre packed snacks and candies. We appreciate the community's help to make this possible! Please email Ashley if you have any questions at: ashley@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

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. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> Foundation at GDA21, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263 gda21foundation@gmail.com.

Senior Center Schedule- Monday & Thursdays – 8-2pm and Wednesdays 8am – 1:00pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 12pm; Bingo M & TH – 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – W-10-12pm; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies- Mon at 9am and Chair Yoga- TH at 9am. For more information or if

you have questions, call Anne at [603-435-8482](tel:6034358482).

Bingo every Saturday 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.

Come down to LEAVITT'S CIDER MILL and get some delicious fresh cider! This year marks 94 years of business! The mill will be open Saturday and Sunday 10-4 until Thanksgiving-49 south main street Pittsfield NH, Phone number (603)435-8750.

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>

Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of various items throughout the year and would greatly appreciate donations....Contact paper, small reward stickers, party favors/prizes, glue sticks, sticky back googly eyes, construction paper, markers, pocket folders, cardstock, cotton balls, apple juice, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, microwave popcorn. All of these items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in various adult and children's programming provided by the library. Donations from you would allow for the annual budget to provide more for patrons throughout the year.

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the commemorative garden on the museum grounds. The "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks cost \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Stop by at the museum, 4 Oak St, to see the current garden and the surrounding grounds. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. info? please call [603-435-8004](tel:6034358004).


Pittsfield Fire Department Secret Santa Program Benefiting Pittsfield families in need. We are accepting CASH donations (we will shop for you!) as well as, NEW clothing and items for all ages-remember those teenagers... If you would like to donate, please call the fire station at 603-435-6807 to arrange drop off or we *Continued on the next page*

can arrange to pick them up. If donating by check, make check out to Pittsfield Secret Santa, can be dropped off or mailed to Pittsfield Secret Santa Program, PO Box 392, Pittsfield NH, 03263. As always, thank you all for making this program a success!

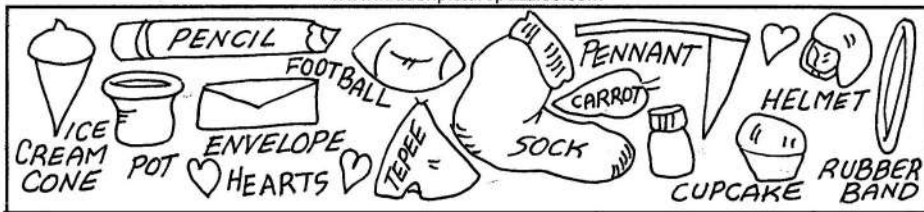
Happy Birthday wishes to John Feeny on Mon, Nov. 4; to Tina Fife and Sheila Fries (Happy 90th!) on Tues, Nov. 5; to Effie Topouzoglou and Brady Plante on Wed, Nov. 6 and to Donna Cadose on Fri, Nov. 8.

A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, an attractive girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seven apples. Why?
stay tuned two weeks....

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Can YOU find the hidden items below? Bet ya can't.....



Pittsfield is a busy little town, with lots to do for young and old....Just look around for all the good and all the gold.....





Cook's Corner
Chicken Pot Pie Soup
Slow Cooker

You are going to love this soup! It's good old-fashioned comfort food at its

finest. There are several ways to enjoy this. I usually serve it in baked puff pastry shells; however, you can also transfer the soup to a glass baking dish and top it with homemade or frozen pie crust; or you can pour the soup into individual ramekins and top each one with homemade or refrigerated biscuits and pop in the oven until the biscuits are done. This soup freezes well too. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

½ cup flour, divided

2 tsp poultry seasoning

½ tsp salt

½ tsp black pepper

3 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 inch pieces

2 TBSP vegetable oil

2 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth

1 cup sliced carrots, sliced on the diagonal

1 cup sliced celery

1 cup chopped yellow onion

2 TBSP fresh thyme leaves, or 1 tsp dried, crushed

1 cup frozen peas

1 cup Half & Half

In a large resealable plastic bag combine ¼ cup of the flour, the poultry seasoning and the salt and pepper. Add the chicken pieces, half at a time, shaking to coat. In a large skillet, heat 1 TBSP of the oil over medium high heat. Add half of the chicken; cook 4 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Transfer the chicken to the slow cooker bowl. Repeat with remaining 1 TBSP oil and cook the rest of the chicken. Add the broth, carrots, celery, onion and thyme leaves to the chicken in the slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 6 or 7 hours, or on HIGH for 3 to 3 ½ hours.

If using low, switch to HIGH. Stir in frozen peas. In a small bowl combine remaining ¼ cup flour and the Half & Half and stir into the slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH for another 45 minutes or until the sauce has thickened.

Suncook Valley
Sno-Riders OHRV
Snowmobile Safety
Course

Saturday November
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Saturday, November 23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pittsfield Community Center, the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will be having a snowmobile/ATV course for children. They must be 11 years old in order to take the class, but the "license" cannot be used until they are 12. Lunch will be provided. Parents must pre-register their children and are encouraged to attend. Contact Joe Hough via Messenger; call or text at 603-608-6977 to register your child, or if you have questions.

And back again...Ham & Bean Supper

Saturday, November 23rd 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Pittsfield Community Center.

The dinner is open to the public and a free meal to our landowners as a "Thank You" for the use of their land for snowmobiling. We will have ham, a variety of beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, roll, beverages, and an assortment of yummy desserts. This event will be held at the Pittsfield Community Center, 68 Main Street, and at 7 pm we will be giving away 3 frozen turkeys. So, be sure to fill out a "Turkey Slip" when you arrive. You may be a lucky winner of a turkey just before Thanksgiving!!! Adults \$10.00 each; Children 6 to 12 \$5.00 each; Ages under 6 are free. *Suncook Valley Sno-Riders*



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Hometown Hero Helps Fight Fires Out West

When Eric Nilsson joined the Pittsfield Fire Department 8 years ago, one of the first training exercises he completed was the wild land module and he loved it.

In the 5 years since Eric has been full time with the fire department, he's made 5 trips. This summer he was in Oregon, fighting a 25,000 acre fire with an engine crew of 10 people. Last year he went to Nova Scotia to fight the enormous fire up there which was the largest in the history of that area. Eric has also assisted in Quebec, Minnesota and Montana. The trips typically last for 2 weeks, with fourteen to sixteen hour days, straight through. Eric shared that sometimes they are put up in hotels, but more often they bring all their own gear for tent camping.

The New Hampshire Forest Protection Service organizes these trips at the state level, and there is Federal funding as well. Eric continues to pursue training and recently obtained his "Faller 2" certification, which means he is experienced in cutting down certain types of trees to help contain fires. He said, "it's very exciting work. Yes, we're fighting dangerous fires, but these places are so beautiful; and I feel as though I'm making a difference. Plus I've

made terrific friends, we're all like a second family, sharing a common goal and always looking out for one another." In all the trips he's made, operating in high risk environments, they've never had any casualties. As he said, "training is key"; and each year they are required to pass a test which involves walking 3 miles in 45 minutes or less, carrying a 45 lb pack.

Eric shared that both his family and especially Chief Pszonowsky are hugely supportive and for that he is very grateful. Meanwhile, Eric, Pittsfield is thankful and proud to call you our hometown hero!

MP Christakos for the Pittsfield Post

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