

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"The crickets felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last forever. Even on the most beautiful days in the whole year – the days when summer is changing into autumn – the crickets spread the rumor of sadness and change." –

*E.B. White*

August 4, 2021

## Congratulations to Ruth Huckins!

During last Saturday's Old Home Day festivities, 98-year-old life-long Pittsfield resident Ruth Huckins received *The Boston Post* cane. As neither Mrs. Huckins nor her husband were able to attend the ceremonies on Drake Field, her nephew, Dan Yeaton, stepped in and accepted the cane on her behalf. The tradition of *The Boston Post* cane dates back 112 years to 1909, when the paper's publisher, Edwin Grozier, sent 700 gold-tipped ebony canes to Selectboards across Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire as a publicity stunt. He asked that the canes be presented to each town's oldest resident. Initially presented to a town's oldest **gentleman**, in 1930 the practice expanded to include women recipients. Over time, many of these now quite valuable canes have been lost, but reportedly as many as 500 remain. Pittsfield's cherished cane is on display in the town hall for all to see. Recipients now are presented a facsimile to maintain during their tenure as "holder" of *The Boston Post* cane. The current Selectboard is working with dedicated historian and author Larry Berkson and other members of the Pittsfield Historical Society to create a plaque that will list all the local *Post* cane holders since 1909. The plaque will join the cane on permanent display. Founded in the fall of 1831, *The Boston Post* became one of the largest and most influential newspapers in the country. At the height of its popularity in the 1930s, the paper enjoyed a daily circulation of over a million readers. Publication of *The Boston Post* ended in 1956, but the tradition of the cane helps keep its name alive.



### The Post is Counting on You!

#### Dear Readers:

The *Post* needs your help to keep printing this weekly publication. When you're thinking about supporting our community please send us a donation! **Thank you, The Post Volunteers**

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**Friday, Aug. 6 at 6:30pm** Joy Church is hosting a free family movie night. We will be watching "BIG Hero 6". The whole community is invited. There will be free popcorn and snacks for everyone. We hope to see you there! Our address is 55 Barnstead Rd in Pittsfield.

**Saturday, August 14 8:30am** Joy Church community breakfast is held the second Saturday of every month. All are invited to come out and enjoy a free, hot breakfast with others from the community.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library** is excited to announce that the next StoryWalk® featuring the humorous children's book, "Down By the Sea with Mr. Magee" by Chris Van Dusen is available for your viewing pleasure. Book pages have been mounted in 18 windows throughout the downtown area, so gather up your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy a stroll through town.. Families are encouraged to grab 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 a free gift donated by No Worry Storage.

**What's Up At PYW (Pittsfield Youth Workshop)** – lots of fun activities are happening during drop in days (M, T, TH from 2-6pm) and fun trips are planned. Please visit the website at [www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](http://www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org) for a full calendar. For more info, call 435-8272.

**Monday, August 9, 12:00 PM:** Senior Center cookout. If interested, please call 435-8482 by Friday, August 3 to sign up, reservations are required.

**Tuesday, August 10, 11:00 AM:** Veterans Coffee Hour. Come in and spend some time talking with other veterans over baked goods and coffee. Please call the Center at 435-8482 to make reservations

**The Pittsfield Historical Society** continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. A "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 will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Allison (Yelle) Buttafuoco and to Val Guy last Sunday, to Mary Thorpe and Diane Vaughan on Monday, and Jo Anne Ward on Saturday. A very special **Happy Birthday** wish to my brother-in-law, Andy Fries on Saturday. I hope you have a great day!

## Community Night Out Planning Meeting

An enthusiastic group of people is planning a community night out to be held September 17, 2021 from 5-7pm in Dustin Park. The event will begin with the PMHS home coming parade and end with an outdoor movie sponsored by Suncook Valley Rotary Club. If your business, church, or organization might want to participate, you're invited to a planning meeting at 5pm on Wednesday August 11 at the Town Beach on Clark Street (rain location is the town hall). If you have questions or would like to remain updated about the event, please email [lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov) or call the library at 435-8406.

### Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions you would like to share?

#### Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- ▶ 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the Post Content Team.
- ▶ Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- ▶ Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

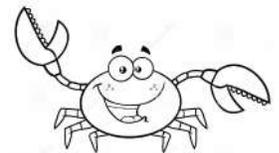
Deadline is noon on Friday via [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)

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**Vouchers for Veterans Outdoor Music Fest and Cornhole Tournament FUNDRAISER** August 14th 2021 2:00pm until 8:00pm sponsored by the Alton American Legion Post 72 Family located at 164 Wolfeboro Hwy in Alton NH and the Barnstead [lorimahar@tds.net](mailto:lorimahar@tds.net)

### Dear Crabby:

Now that we are retired, my husband and I no longer have a lot of money to spend. But he insists on paying extra for a vanity plate for our car – because he wants his name on the plate. How can I get him to stop this unnecessary expenditure? *Penny Pincher*



### Dear Penny:

Tell your guy to buy a standard license plate, one with all numbers on it. Then have him change his name to what is on the plate. That way he'll get his name on the plate for free. Of course you'll have to get used to being Mrs. 487-238. *Crabby*

Send your questions for Crabby to [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)

## Cook's Corner

### **Creamy Hash Brown Casserole**

Oh wow! You have to make this soon, it's so good! This dish of comfort food potatoes is a great side for brunch with eggs and sausage; or serve this alongside grilled burgers, steak, chicken or bratwurst for dinner. Dig in and enjoy!

1 pkg (32 oz) frozen, cubed (home fries style) hash brown potatoes, thawed  
1 lb Velveeta cheese, cubed  
2 cups sour cream  
1 can (10.75 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup, do not dilute  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter, melted  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup finely chopped onion  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp paprika  
2 cups cornflakes, lightly crushed

In a large bowl, combine potatoes, cheese, sour cream, soup,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter and the onion. Spread into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with paprika.

Combine cornflakes and the remaining melted butter and sprinkle on top of the potato mixture.

Bake, covered, at 350, until heated through, about 40 to 50 minutes. Uncover, bake until the top is golden brown, about 10 more minutes.

*MP Christakos*



## Barnstead Farmer's Market

### **Celebrating NH Eats Local Month**

**Barnstead Farmer's Market:** Every Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm, mid-June thru end of September and located at 96 Maple St. Barnstead, NH.

Celebrating local food is central to the pride Granite Staters have for our land, our communities, our history, and our traditions. Buying from New Hampshire's small businesses stimulates the state's economy and supports friends and neighbors to foster vibrant communities.

Show your local love all **August** long during **NH Eats Local Month** by supporting your local area farms and businesses. Eating locally injects strength into our communities as we care for our environment and center equity in all aspects of our lives. Let's continue to grow the Eat Local movement this August by visiting your local restaurant, farm or farmers market! Sourcing, growing, and supporting local food feeds Granite Staters sense of self-reliance and fosters sustainable living, while also ensuring everyone has enough nutritious food to lead healthy lives. **Celebrate local food all August long during NH Eats Local Month.**

Stay Tuned next week for our "Meet The Farmer" edition! Lori Maher, Chair Barnstead Farmers Market

## Frank H. Donovan Scholarship Fund

Please help by participating in a virtual 5K this year. The Balloon Rally is canceled again due to Covid concerns, so the race will be virtual for 2021. Help to keep its tradition going until we can be in person together again on August 7, 2022..

Go to [www.raceroster.com/events/2021/49758/pittsfield-balloon-rally-frank-h-donovan-5k](http://www.raceroster.com/events/2021/49758/pittsfield-balloon-rally-frank-h-donovan-5k) to register for the low cost of \$20 (\$22.55 with fees included). You will receive a moisture-wicking t-shirt in the mail after you complete the 5K course of your choice between the dates of July 31st and August 8th and then post your time to the Race Roster site. Registration is open through August 8th.

Past graduates of Pittsfield Middle High School that have been recipients of the Frank Donovan Scholarship include: Noah MacGlashing, 2017, currently a senior at Southern New Hampshire University, majoring in Cybersecurity. Tucker Wolfe, 2018, currently a senior at the University of Utah, majoring in Construction Engineering. Colby Wolfe, 2019, currently a senior at the University of New Haven, majoring in Finance. Paige Provencal, 2020, currently a sophomore at Colby-Sawyer College, majoring in Nursing.

Please contact Keith and Libby Kun, Race Directors, at [frank5krun@gmail.com](mailto:frank5krun@gmail.com) with any questions. *Keith and Libby (Donovan)*

*Kun*



## School Board Review Summer Edition

After the sudden resignation of interim superintendent, Dr. John Graziano effective June 18th, The Pittsfield School Board and Pittsfield School District Administrators have been working hard to get the district back on track. The group met for a non-public work session on Monday June 21st, for the scheduled school board meeting on July 15th, and for two work sessions on July 19th and July 20th.

The Board would like to thank our hard working administrators who supported the board through this process. Not only did administrators attend these sessions, they also worked tirelessly to keep the district running without a superintendent. Additionally, The Board would also like to extend a special thank you to Tobi Chassie for her willingness to serve as a temporary interim superintendent. Her advice and guidance has been invaluable.

The Board is pleased to announce that they have offered the position of interim superintendent to Mr. Bryan Lane and he has accepted the offer. He will begin working with our district August 8th.

While the Board has been working on filling the vacant superintendent positions, the schools have been hard at work trying to fill teaching and professional staff vacancies. Additionally, both PES and PMHS have been running successful summer programs, camps and academies.

The Board will continue its work surrounding the tuition study. We are currently waiting for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be drafted to send to the 7 schools profiled by the tuition study committee. This is intended to garner relevant information and data to compare and contrast the districts. This RFP will be sent to districts and is anticipated to be returned by October 1st.

There are lots of changes coming to our school district. We encourage you to come to our next meeting, Thursday, August 5th at 5:30 at PMHS, to hear more about it and to have your voice heard.  
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### *Many Thanks!!!*

**THE PITTSFIELD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE** would like to thank the following organizations/people for their help, contributions and support of Old Home Day:

Parks & Recreation Committee

Heather Preston, Mike Curtin, Mike Wiley  
(Judges for the Kids Bike Parade)

Sandi Adams – Citizen of the Year Ride

Paul Rogers - Flowers

Pittsfield Police Department

Pittsfield Fire Department

Pittsfield Highway Department

Kathy Kelley

(Singing of National Anthem)

Suncook Valley Rotary Club

(Help with Fireworks)

Joe Darrah's Crew

(Clean up of Fireworks)

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