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"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash." - Bill Nye, *Engineer and Science Guy*

April 19, 2023

## Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on April 8, was a great success! Many area children hunted for Easter eggs and seemed to enjoy the activity. The Golden Egg was won by Angie Cassell, and Mila Baum had the closest guess of the jelly beans in the jar and won the jar of jelly beans. Jessica Drouin won a prize for her amazing and fun Easter bonnet. We would like to thank Pittsfield Youth Workshop for stuffing the eggs again this year, the Pittsfield Fire Department for bringing the Easter Bunny to the Park and hanging with us for the event, the Clothes Closet for their generous donation, Eric Nielson for donning the bunny suit, and the volunteers who helped spread the eggs. We appreciate the support of our programs! The FB Argue Recreation Area will open on June 20, at 12. Hope to see you there. *Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission*



## CONGRATULATIONS

Sam Carney has won the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), NH Leadership Conference award for a project about Lung Disease. Sam will be competing in the HOSA INTERNATIONAL competition on June 21 in Texas, with over 9,000 people! Way to go Sam!!!



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## Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, email or call Andi Riel 603-435-6346.

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**The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet on **Wed, April 19** at 6:30pm at the Historical Society, Oak St.

**Blueberry Ridge Blooms & Farmstead** will be sponsoring a "Grow Along" presentation on **Thur, April 20 at 6:30pm** at the Josiah Carpenter Library! Each attendant will be receiving different varieties of flower seeds and instruction on how to grow them. It is our hope that residents will want to stay connected during the "Grow Along" so that we can help support each other and celebrate our successes in the garden! If you have children who are interested in learning about gardening, bring them along! This evening will be a fun and informative time for the whole family!

**Save the Date, Sat, July 22 for Pittsfield Old Home Day.** The theme is "Red, White & Blue - It's All Up to You!" For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee** has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 22. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center, or there is a Zoom Meeting option. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person or helping in any other way, please contact us. The next meeting is on **Mon, April 17 at 6:30pm.**

**Have you been looking for a way to get involved in our local community?** The *Pittsfield Post* is looking for you! In the three years since we began publishing this weekly newsletter, our operations have grown. Volunteers are involved in a range of activities including content development and creation, bookkeeping, desktop publishing, proofreading, distribution, advertising and fundraising. The time commitment is a few hours a month, and we have an in-person meeting once a month. If you're interested in joining this fun group, please contact us at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)

**The American Legion Scholarship Peterson-Cram Post #75** is offering two scholarships to student(s) from Pittsfield Middle High School in 2023. If interested, please contact your school counselor for details and eligibility requirements. Forms must be submitted by May 15, 2023. Additional American Legion scholarship funds information can be found at: <https://legionnh.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards>

**The Pittsfield Conservation Commission** will be holding a Roadside Litter Cleanup. It will take place on **Sat, May 6** and will be held rain or shine. It will start at 9:00 and end at noon. Meet at the Drake Field gazebo. Please wear bright-colored clothing for visibility. Trash bags, disposable gloves, doughnuts and cider will be provided to volunteers.

**Congratulations to Briar Bell, Ryan Wood and Abraham Marcotte**, who were recently recognized by the NHIAA and the NHADA as Scholar Athletes. To be recognized you must: be a senior with a B+ average, letter in two sports, and be a positive role model who has participated in community service activities.

**New Hampshire law (RSA 466:1) requires all dogs to be licensed at four months of age.** Proof of a valid rabies vaccination is required. The license period is May 1 through April 30, however dogs may be registered in Pittsfield as early as January. Please stop at the Town Clerk's office or visit the website [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov)

**The 2023 Foss Scholarship** is available to current and past Pittsfield Middle High School graduates. The application deadline is May 3, 2023. Please contact the Guidance Office at the high school, or visit the town website at [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) to obtain the application.

Have you ever considered joining the local (Josiah Carpenter Library) **book club**? We have extra books this month and would love for you to join us! We meet the **2nd Monday** of each month at Over the Moon Farmstead- 1253 Upper City Road at **6:30 pm.** Books may be picked up at the library during our regular business hours. We'll be discussing "Local Woman Missing" by Mary Kubica on **May 8.**

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Lee Miller, Matt Engelmann, and Fred Holmes on Tue, April 18; to Linda Rafael on Wednesday; and to Sean Foster on Thursday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

## Letter to the Pittsfield Board of Selectmen

On behalf of the Josiah Carpenter Library, we would like to extend our appreciation to Select Board Chair Carl Anderson for his help with our recent plumbing issue at the library. He definitely went above and beyond his duties as a select board member in helping to rectify the problem quickly and efficiently.

He came to the library as soon as he was called on the evening of Thursday, March 16 to evaluate the problem. He then had lined up Dan St. Laurent to look into the issue on Saturday, March 18th. When it still wasn't fixed, he was personally out there again first thing in the morning on Monday, March 20th, with Bill Gilpatrick from the sewer plant, to figure out what to do next. After it was discovered the issue wasn't in the pipes from the building to the street, but most likely under the building, he returned in the early afternoon on Monday with an electric snake. Carl stayed throughout the entire afternoon until the issue was resolved. He also had the help of Scott Aubertin and Keith Donovan, to whom we're also grateful.

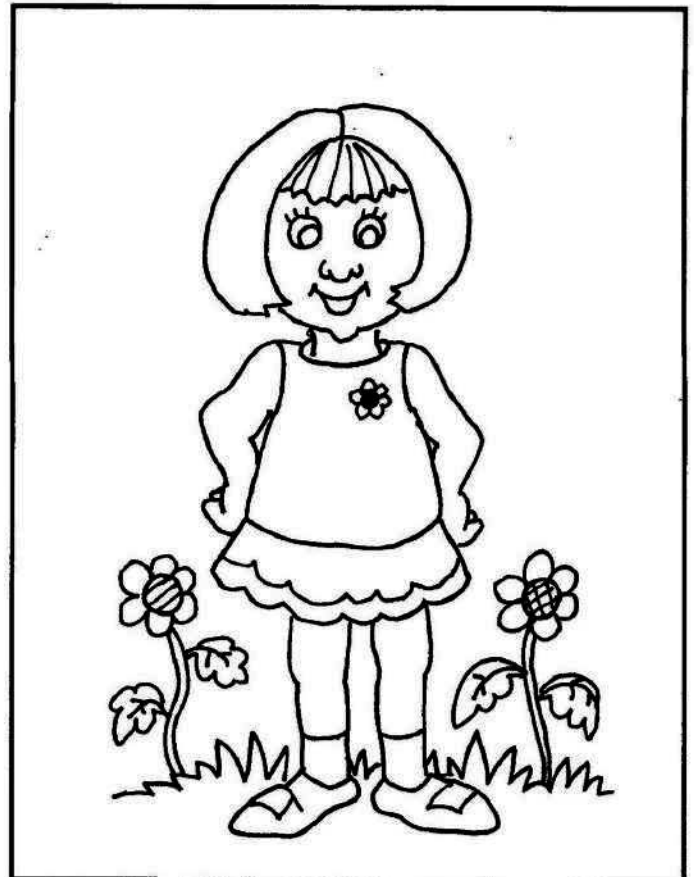
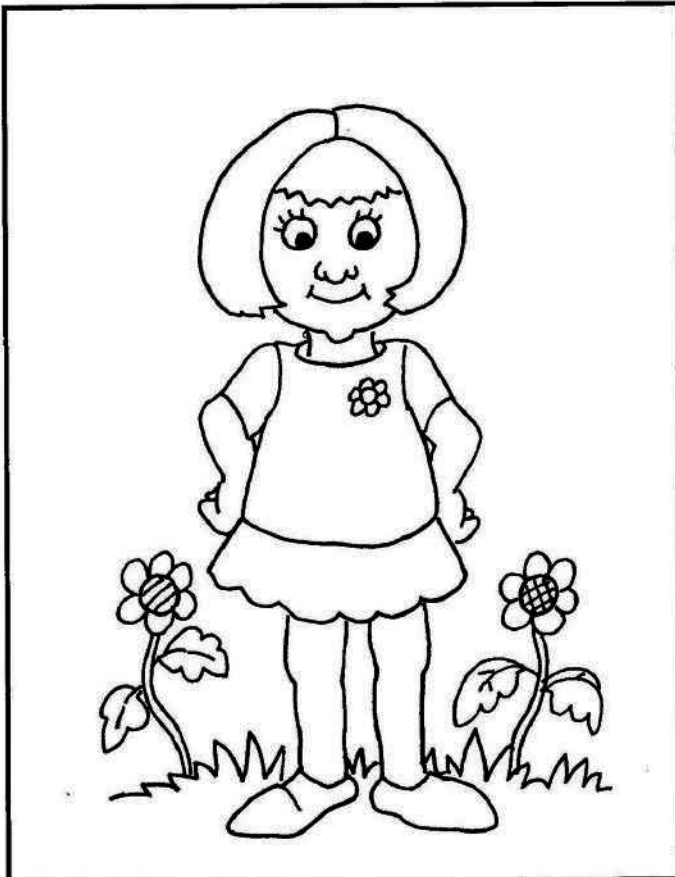
Carl's quick thinking, helpful insight, community connections and his "not afraid to get in there" response is much appreciated.

We thank you. *Melissa Babcock, Library Director, Sandra Adams, Library Trustee Chairperson, AnneMarie Chapman, Library Trustee Secretary, Leslie Schuster, Library Trustee Treasurer*

### **HELP WANTED**

The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for lifeguards, beach attendants, and gate keepers for the 2023 summer season at the Forrest B. Argue Recreational Area: Mondays through Friday; reimbursement for certification may be considered. Applications are available on the town website, [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) or may be picked up at the Town Hall at 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Deadline is Thursday, April 27.

### **Find Thirteen Differences**



## Cook's Corner



### Chicken Feta Meatballs

Here's our second recipe in the mini-series for Orthodox Easter. These chicken and Feta meatballs are fabulous.

You'll want to make a

double batch because they freeze well and they'll be handy to have in the freezer for another meal. You can serve these as an appetizer with Tatziki (yogurt dill sauce), or layer the meatballs on warmed pita or naan, top with Tatziki, thin sliced red onion, chopped tomato and Feta; or use them to top your favorite salad. Oopa! Enjoy. *MP Christakos*

- 1 lb ground chicken
- ½ small yellow onion, finely diced
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 TBSP fresh chopped parsley
- 1TBSP fresh chopped dill
- Kosher or coarse salt
- Ground black pepper
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- ½ cup crumbled Feta cheese
- Olive oil for greasing
- Prepared Tatziki sauce for serving

Heat oven to 400. Line a baking sheet or baking pan with foil. In a large bowl, combine ground chicken, onion, egg, garlic, panko, parsley, dill, salt, a few grinds of black pepper and the red pepper flakes. Mix well to combine. Add Feta cheese and gently stir to incorporate the cheese into the meat mixture. Form the chicken into 1 inch meatballs, about 16 pieces. Grease the prepared pan with a light touch of olive oil (or cooking spray). Gently roll the meatballs in the oil to lightly coat. Bake meatballs until golden brown and cooked through, about 18 to 20 minutes. If using as an appetizer, serve with Tatziki sauce. If serving as a sammie, layer the meatballs on warmed pita or naan, top with Tatziki, thin sliced red onion, chopped tomato and Feta.

April 22, 2023  
Audrey Shirley  
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A Memorial and  
Celebration of Life  
service will be held  
at the First  
Congregational  
Church of Pittsfield  
at 11:00, with  
reception to follow.

Audrey lived and worked in Pittsfield from 1976 to 2022 and participated in Rotary, church, and town activities whenever she could. She passed away November 11, 2022.



### 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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## School Board Update

The Pittsfield School Board had a busy session as our April 6th meeting opened with interviews of two candidates for the PES principal position. The Board was impressed with both candidates and grateful to have the time to speak with them. We are pleased to announce that Kristen White will be joining the PSD as PES Principal July 1, 2023. We are excited for Mrs. White to bring her experience and energy to our school, learners and family.

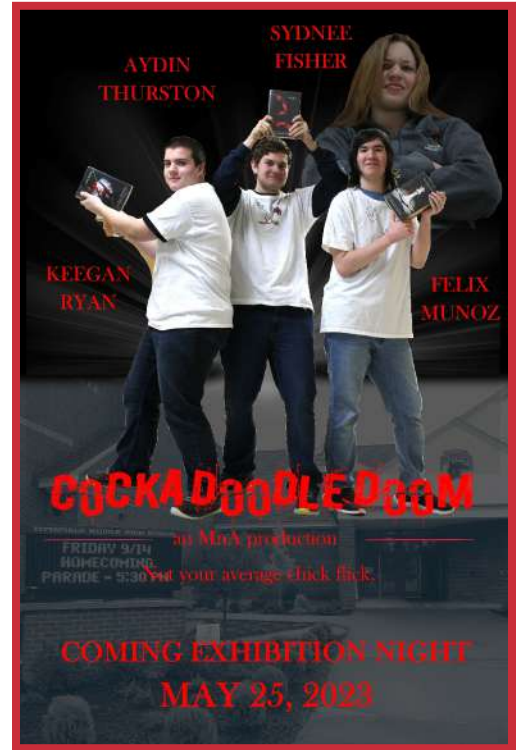
PES Assistant Principal Jaclyn Rohr presented the Board report for the elementary school. She highlighted the many exciting events happening this spring for learners and families, updated us about the ventilation project that will occur over April break, and shared that kindergarten registration went very well for the upcoming school year. Ms. Rohr also shared the incident report with behavioral data for the elementary school, providing statistics that show a great improvement in behavior in the building.

Derek Hamilton, PMHS Principal, shared the exciting news that our NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) decennial visit went exceptionally well. The visiting team of five educators shared their initial findings: PMHS will be recommended for re-accreditation (as we have been through NEASC since 1955); PMHS met all of the NEASC foundational elements; PMHS made progress on all four of the priority areas (school improvement plan, Vision of the Learner, curriculum articulation and capital improvement plan); and PMHS was given high praise in each of the student learning standards. Congratulations to Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Brown, the faculty and staff, and students of PMHS for this outstanding accomplishment. We look forward to reading the report in its entirety and celebrating this success as a community.

Mr. Lane's report to the Board included updates on the hiring process for candidates for the 23-24 school year; updates on the budget process for the 24-25 school year; as well as the nomination list for hiring professional staff. Mr. Lane made a special point to draw light to how proud he was of Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Brown, and the faculty and staff at PMHS for the excellent initial report from the NEASC visiting committee. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 20th at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, [mgoggin@sau51.org](mailto:mgoggin@sau51.org) (please note the email change for the district) 603-387-1396.

## Cocka Doodle Doom Premier

The PMHS Student Film Festival, Exhibition Night, May 25, 3-6pm. Come to PMHS to see the World Premier of *Cocka Doodle Doom*, and check out some of the amazing things happening at PMHS!



### Trailer #2:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=SELGwrRey4k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SELGwrRey4k)

### Find the Difference Answers

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. flower on dress            | 8. mouth               |
| 2. skirt                      | 9. leaf on flower      |
| 3. hair                       | 10. shoe               |
| 4. sleeves on dress           | 11. eyelashes          |
| 5. flower stem on left flower | 12. leaf on 2nd flower |
| 6. flower stem on right       | 13. socks              |
| 7. eyes                       |                        |

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## Select Board Review April 11, 2023

The public hearing was held to receive input regarding two donations totaling \$24,500 for the purchase of life-saving extrication tools (including a new 'jaws of life'). Pittsfield's equipment was antiquated and cumbersome by current standards, and this new equipment will give first responders a fighting chance to save lives at accident scenes. There were no negative comments or concerns. The Select Board voted unanimously to accept the donations with thanks to the E.P. Sanderson Fund and Pittsfield Firefighter's Assoc. A tremendous amount of the funding for equipment for the town comes from generous donations by various sources and allows us to benefit from having resources that are far in excess of the 'bare-bones' necessities that our taxes can actually support. The next time you see or hear about some piece of equipment that makes you scratch your head and say, "No wonder our taxes are high," keep in mind it could easily be due to a generous donation, not your wallet. The Select Board scrutinizes every donation to make sure it's in Pittsfield's long-term best interest. Fortunately, Pittsfield has been home to a number of very successful individuals and families who provided a lasting legacy for which we should all be grateful.

Applications for volunteers to CDC and Old Home Day Committee were reviewed and the requested positions granted, again with thanks. Anyone wishing to volunteer for town committees and boards should contact the Town Office for a list of available positions and an application. As with monetary donations, Pittsfield is able to operate pretty successfully with the help of individuals' time and expertise, so if you've got any to spare, please step up.

A replacement minute-taker for the Select and Planning Boards, and ZBA has finally been located and an offer made, hopefully relieving Cara and Bonnie of that additional chore.

Road agent Noel Gourley came in with a list of culverts that are in desperate need of replacement this year, as well as a limited number of paving and sidewalk jobs. Astronomical prices for materials have forced a reduction in jobs planned for this year. Dirt road grading will begin soon with warmer, drier weather finally here.  
*Carl Anderson*

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KNOWLEDGE BEATS IGNORANCE**

**Submitted by Bill Miskoe**