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"If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor."

Eleanor Roosevelt

April 6, 2022



THE FOSS FAMILY PITTSFIELD TOWN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

2022 APPLICATION

THE FOSS FAMILY

The Foss Family Pittsfield Town Scholarship Trust was established by Richard and Lois Foss in 2007 for the benefit of Pittsfield Middle High School graduates who wish to further their education beyond high school. This unique Fund offers scholarship awards to both current seniors and graduates of Pittsfield Middle High School.

The late Richard Foss was reared and educated in the town of Pittsfield. He fondly remembered the Pittsfield of his youth and the civic pride that he and his neighbors felt to be a part of a vigorous, vital, and industrious community in which neighbors looked out for each other. Richard credited the excellent education he received in the Pittsfield public school system with the development of values and work ethic which enabled him to enjoy great success in the construction industry in New Hampshire.

Richard and Lois grew concerned about the gradual decline in Pittsfield's fortunes in the years since their youth, particularly over the last two decades. Richard believed that to reverse this trend, and to recapture a strong sense of community and civic

pride, the Town must invest in its "human capital," particularly the post-secondary education of its young people who might feel this same spirit and potentially return from college or trade school to settle in Pittsfield and contribute to its rebirth and continued prosperity.

The Foss Family Pittsfield Town Scholarship Trust was established to support the Pittsfield community with the important public good of providing a strong, meaningful education for its residents. Beginning with the Class of 2008, this incredible Fund has awarded a staggering 261 scholarships in the amount of \$409,500. These awards have allowed Pittsfield graduates to attend over sixty different colleges, universities and trade schools across eighteen states.

Although Richard Foss passed away in August 2016, his belief in Pittsfield - and particularly Pittsfield's young people - lives on as his legacy of generosity, community spirit, and belief in the power of education to enhance the lives of young people and communities.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

All PMHS graduates (current seniors and alumni) extending their education beyond high school may apply for a scholarship to pursue a two-year or four-year degree or technical/trade school education. Students may continue to apply for funding for up to four years as long as they continue to be a New Hampshire resident attending an accredited post-secondary institution. Under consideration when awarding scholarships are financial need, academic achievement, leadership ability, and community involvement. It is intended that awards from the Trust will aid those who are already applying to schools with their financial package and to motivate those who may not have contemplated their ability to apply for further education because of financial restraints to do so. It is important that awardees will seek other sources of financial aid, including work study programs, so that they might co-invest in their education as opposed to relying exclusively on scholarship aid and other grants that might be available. Applications are due Wednesday, May 4th by 3pm to the Guidance office at Pittsfield Middle High School.

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Joy Church is hosting a FREE Community Breakfast on Saturday, April 9, at 8:30am, and will hold their Good Friday Service on Friday, April 16, at 6:30pm. ALL are welcome!

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service April 10 @ 10am, palms distributed. A special Maundy Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the "Last Supper" of Jesus, will be held Thursday, April 14, 7pm. On Easter Sunday, April 17, 7:30am, the customary Sunrise Service will be held with breakfast immediately following in the church vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10am with special music by the Chancel Choir and the Jubilation Handbell Choir. Come and worship at either service and join us for breakfast! Parking and wheelchair access is at the rear of the church on Chestnut Street. For more information call the church office at 603 435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak.

PMHS students are planning to hold the ever-popular Empty Bowls fundraiser on Thursday, May 19, from 5-7pm in the PMHS cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. We will also be hosting a community pottery workshop day on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30am-12:30pm for community members to make and decorate bowls to be sold at the Empty Bowls dinner. Please consider joining us in the PMHS art room to design a bowl!

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation is looking for volunteers who would be interested in being considered for the Board of Directors and Advisory Board. PCDC is a nonprofit corporation that runs and operates the Pittsfield Community Center. The board is hoping to find more people interested in helping to keep the Community Center thriving in the future. If you are interested in these positions or would like more information, please contact us by phone, mail, or email. Phone number: 603-435-6729 or 603-290-4068 Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org or Mail: PCDC PO Box 253 Pittsfield, NH 03263

The Library Walk is new - The humorous tale, The Prince's Tooth is Loose, by R.W. Alley has recently been posted by the Josiah Carpenter Library as the newest StoryWalk®. The Prince has a loose tooth and the whole kingdom springs into action to help him! Book pages are mounted in 12 windows throughout the downtown Pittsfield area. Tie up your walking shoes, grab a water bottle, and enjoy a walk through our beautiful little town while reading this fun story. Families may pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

Please consider sending cards of encouragement to Sailors and Marines on the USS Green Bay. A local family has a son serving on the ship and says they are all struggling right now. It would be great to get some mail! Please send your cards to Walter Parelius, 25 Amherst Dr., Center Barnstead NH 03225. He and his family will collect the cards and will send them to the troops.

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is inviting local organizations to participate in the Balloon Rally. They are open to your ideas and need your help! If your group has an event, activity, project, fundraiser that you want to do at Balloon Rally, please contact Fallon Reed at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com.

Pittsfield Senior Center has reduced hours while they are searching for a coordinator. The center is open for Bingo on Mondays and Thursdays 9:30am to 12pm. Please call the Center at 603-435-8482 if you have any questions.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop youth are still collecting donations for Old Dogs Go to Helen! This nonprofit supports abandoned senior dogs, so that they can spend their final years living their best life thanks to proper medical care and loving homes. Donations we are looking for include, but are not limited to: blankets, towels, paper towels, dog beds, toys, treats, leashes & collars. Lightly loved items are appreciated and accepted! There will be a main collection box at PYW to drop off donations. Follow us on Facebook @ The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) to stay up to date with our progress and to find out where additional drop off locations are located. Thank you for your support!

MUD Season - There is still a 6 ton weight limit on the following roads in Pittsfield: Dowboro Road, Concord Hill Road, Main Street, Webster Mills Road, Tilton Hill Road, Jenness Pond Road, Upper City Road, Governors Road.

There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 603-435-6151 for updated info.



The Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Dept. is recruiting for:

Middle School Girls Softball – Head Coach

Middle School Boys Baseball – Head Coach

Previous experience playing and or coaching is preferred but not required. All interested applicants should contact Jay Darrah, Director of Athletics, at jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org. Send a letter of interest, resume and references to: Pittsfield Middle

High School, 23 Oneida St, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

Town of Pittsfield - Volunteers wanted for Committee and Commission Vacancies. If interested, please fill out the Volunteer application (available online or at the town hall). Please return completed application to the Selectmen's Office by e-mail: btheriault@pittsfieldnh.gov mail, drop box or in person. Volunteers needed for: Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Program Committee, Community Development Committee, Conservation Commission, Old Home Day Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Board – alternate positions and Zoning Board of Adjustment – alternate positions.

Fun IN the Sun! The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for lifeguards this summer. To receive lifeguard certification, you must be 15 years old, but to lifeguard for the Town of Pittsfield you must be 16. The town reimburses 75% of the cost of your training if you work for us for two summers. Swim New Hampshire and the YMCA both offer courses. If you are looking for a fun outside summer job, are a strong swimmer, and enjoy working with children and adults, you might want to find a lifeguard training course and watch for the job posting coming soon in the Pittsfield Post.

Happy Birthday wishes to Judy Webber & Kip Riel on Wednesday. I hope you both enjoy your special day!



Cook's Corner

Orange & Herb Stuffed Spiral Ham with Bourbon Glaze

Hippity Hoppity Easter's On the Way! Every family has their customs for the Easter meal, some do roast chicken, some delight in a delectable roast lamb but I think many of us lean on the traditional ham. Here's a great ham recipe that I hope you and your family will enjoy. My husband is Greek-American and the Greeks often cook ham, pork and sausages with oranges. Back in the day, oranges were considered a luxury in Greece, and they were often reserved for the most special occasions, Easter being the most revered holiday in the Orthodox calendar. This recipe was adapted from a few different ideas that were passed down to me through my husband's family. The combination of oranges and fresh rosemary and thyme is very aromatic and this lovely ham presents well at the table. Bon appetit!

One 8 to 10 lb spiral-sliced ham

1 orange, thinly sliced (leave the rind on)

4 cloves garlic, slivered

6 sprigs fresh rosemary and thyme (3 each), cut up into 1 inch pieces

½ to 1 cup orange marmalade

½ cup stone ground mustard

2 TBSP bourbon

Heat oven to 325. Line a shallow roasting pan with foil. Between all slices of the ham, insert orange slices, slivered garlic and the rosemary & thyme pieces. Transfer the ham to the roasting pan, flat side down. Cover with foil.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine marmalade, mustard and bourbon.

Bake the ham until heated through, about 2 to 2 ½ hours (or until thermometer reaches 140 degrees). When there are 45 minutes of cooking time remaining, uncover the ham and spoon the glaze mixture over the top. Then continue cooking until time is done.

Remove from the oven, lightly tent with foil and let the ham sit for 5 to 8 minutes before carving & serving. Enjoy! - MP Christakos



2022

SPRING POETRY CONTEST

Guidelines

Poems should focus on "Spring" and be no more than 100 words.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Ages 10-19, 20-49, and 50+

Pittsfield Post volunteers will judge submissions. Winning poems will be published in the *Pittsfield Post* on April 27. Winners also receive the following prizes from the Chichester Country Store:

1st Place: 1 Dozen Donuts

2nd Place: 1/2 Dozen Donuts

3rd Place: 2 Donuts and a Coffee or Hot Chocolate

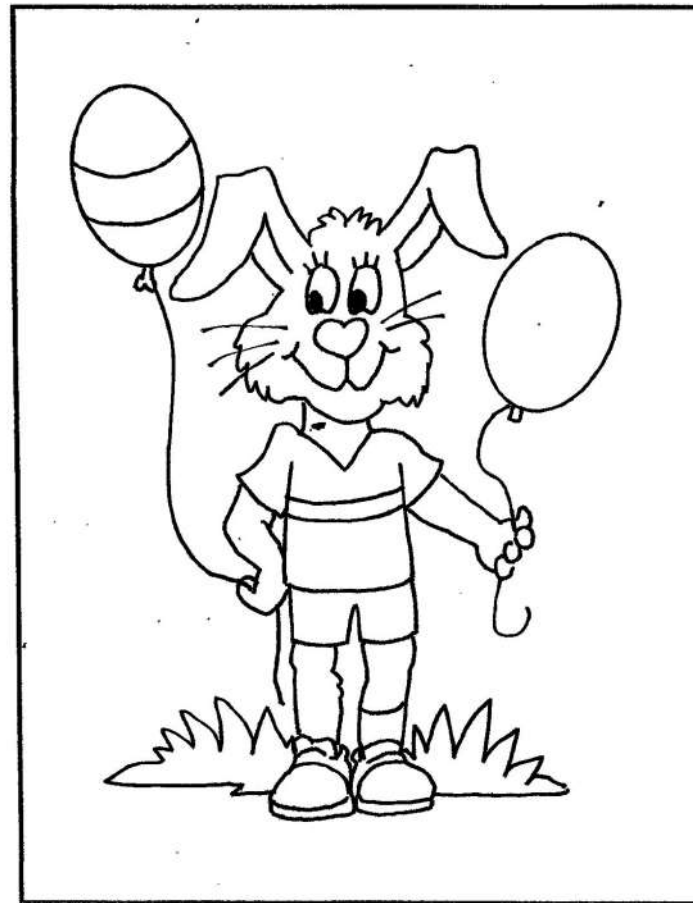
Submissions must be received by April 20, 2022.

Please send submissions marked as "Poetry Contest" to the *Pittsfield Post*. Include your name, address, phone number, and age. Entries may be mailed to: The Pittsfield Post, PO Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Or email your entry (with same information) to: Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Advertising in the Post

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldpost.org

Can you find the 10 differences?



What's Up @ PYW

All of us here at PYW would like to express how grateful we are for the youth who took time to stop by and help fill eggs for the annual Pittsfield Park and Rec Easter Egg Hunt happening on April 9 at 10am. Thousands of eggs were filled and we are incredibly thankful for the help!

Our April High School Only Night is happening this Friday, April 8, from 6-8pm and we're having a raffle. Earn a ticket for just showing up and earn additional tickets for every friend you bring. Each entry gets you closer to winning a \$5 gift card to Ben's Beans! The winner will be announced that night, so stop by and say hi, shoot some pool, and have some fun with friends.

Just a little reminder: we will be collecting donations for Old Dogs Go to Helen until the 13th of April. Stop by with any new or gently used dog items and we'll send them off with the homemade dog treats we'll be making! Thank you to all who have already donated.

Laurie Sweeney

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Spotlight – Pittsfield Public Works

We sat down recently with Noel Gourley, the Director of Public Works (PW) for Pittsfield to talk with him about the broad range of vital services that the team provides. Noel has more than 20 years experience in municipal infrastructure support and joined Pittsfield Public Works about 18 months ago; he was previously the Assistant Director of Public Works in Bow. Although he's new to our town, his family roots here in Pittsfield run deep. His great grandmother, grandmother and mother were all born here; and he has a brother and nephew living here.

In addition to Noel, there are 4 full time PW resources, plus one part-time person who helps out during winter storm season. Together they manage over 50 miles of road throughout the year, covering the territory from downtown Pittsfield to Northwood, Loudon, Chichester and Epsom. In the winter storm season, they have 4 trucks with each person taking certain sections of the route, 30 miles round trip per route. They start plowing as soon as the snow starts and continue to take care of the roads until at least 4 hours after the snow stops. Although the State plows certain roads, removing the snow falls to our PW team, as well as keeping all of downtown sidewalks cleared.

The PW team works year-round. They oversee all road related infrastructure for Pittsfield including grading all "Class 6" roads twice a year, re-grading and re-paving, sidewalk replacement and repair and culvert and drainage system repair and replacement. Beyond all of the road work, the PW team also takes care of tree trimming, fallen tree and branch removal, some pot hole repairs, trash removal (during the warmer months), mowing public areas across town and they assist in preparing Town Pool for the summer season, as well as maintain that area during the summer season. The PW team is on call "24/7" throughout the entire year. Noel said, "the people of Pittsfield are just great, all of the residents, including the Selectmen, Fire Department, Police Department are all fantastic to work with, this is such a great town!"

With rising fuel and materials costs, Noel and the team are constantly looking for ways to economize. They recently replaced all of the old fluorescent lights in the PW work building with LED lights which allowed the Town to realize a significant reduction in energy bills. They also recycle old metal (steel) parts and have been able to recoup some revenue for the Town. The team also handles all repairs to their vehicles and equipment on their own.

Noel shared information about a couple of upcoming projects for this summer. The sidewalk from Blake Street to the second entrance on French Circle will be replaced; and there will be a large project this summer on Park Street and Franklin, including re-grading, paving and new sidewalks.

The next time you see our PW team out and about town, be sure give them a high-five for all the great work they do to keep us all moving safely and for keeping our town in great shape! *MP Christakos*



To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield,

My brother Mike told me you lose your school, you lose your town.

From now on the government comes first, on any important decision where is the environmental impact study to tuition our students out.

Our problems start at the top. The Republicans are trying to dismantle our public schools. They say choice. I say you had choice before.

The Republicans in the State House passed a budget with 3 bad things in it. They do not understand our Constitution. Three strikes, you're out.

My town government runs like a Swiss watch. The State House needs more support. I was just going to build walls to the end. But now I may have to run against Jim Allard, because he is a Republican. *Dan The Stoneman*



Pittsfield Elementary News

Sergeant Nelson LeClaire - Visited the third and fourth grade students to thank them for the "Stockings for Soldiers." The students made and sent 70 Holiday stockings to U.S. Soldiers who were stationed in Kosovo. The students asked Sgt. LeClaire questions about the Army and his service. He presented the school with a plaque and Flag that flew in Kosovo in February 2022.
 Mike Wiley



Attention Pittsfield Community: Please save the date for comments and feedback on the School District's Vision of the Learner, Saturday, May 14, from 10am to noon in the PMHS media center. The Vision of the Learner will be available on the district website and paper copies will be available in both the PES and PMHS offices. We hope to see you there. *Pittsfield School District*

HOP Movie Night at PMHS

Come enjoy a free showing of *Hop* in the PMHS Lecture Hall at 6pm on April 8. Pizza will be available to purchase beginning at 5pm in the Cafeteria. Concessions will be sold during the movie, including mystery filled eggs (assorted candy) with a few special prizes!

****All proceeds benefit the PMHS Class of 2024****

To my constituents in Pittsfield, This week, the House met for one day to finish our House bills, including the ones pushed off from the last session. It should have been quick, but some representatives took the opportunity to pile on amendments of bills that previously passed the House – and the Senate hasn't acted quickly enough to please them! All these amendments failed, but it took up a lot of time.

Without debate, we killed HB 1424, which repealed the speed limits on Lake Winnepesaukee. We also debated and killed three bills to grant drivers' licenses to undocumented aliens, HB 1093, (186-161), HB 1463, (177-154) and HB 1666 (189-160.) All votes were party line.

We passed HB 1401, forbidding release of vehicle mileage data to the federal government (allowing it to the state in case New Hampshire wants to go to a miles driven tax...) 189-160. After some debate on HB 1417, requiring to pay 7.5% of the local pension contributions, it was not killed, 163-182, then passed, 186-159. I opposed the bill, as I had in my committee, because the towns, cities, and school districts have full control of how many employees they have and what they're paid.

HB 1535, granting retirees a cost of living increase, was changed by Finance to a one-time \$500 payment to retirees with pensions less than \$30,000/year. It's still fully funded, with no impact on property taxes, so it passed, 218-100, with minimal debate.

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 Representative Carol McGuire

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easter egg hunt

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Thanks to PYW for filling the eggs and to the Pittsfield Clothes Closet for a donation for the Golden Egg.

**Drakes Field by the tennis courts
 April 9, 2022 (Rain date April 16)
 Festivities begin at 10:00 with the
 arrival of the Easter Bunny and Easter
 Bonnet Parade**

Decorate an Easter Bonnet and wear it for an Easter Bonnet Parade there will be Prizes for the most unique hats

Drawing for the Golden Egg

Three Groups for the hunt at different times 5 and under, 6-8, 9-12

Take pictures with the Easter Bunny

Come out and enjoy the fun!



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September 17, 2022



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