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"It was June and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered JUNE 8, 2022 gold over the grassy hillside." - Maud Hart Lovelace

Celebrating Ice Cream



State legislators, local citizens and area farmers gathered last weekend at Pittsfield's Li'l Red Hen Farm to celebrate passage of House Bill 95 and to enjoy the first batch of raw goat milk ice cream made under a new law. Thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic and some unexpected opposition, the bill took nearly three years to reach Governor Sununu's desk.

Under the bill New Hampshire farmers have new opportunities to offer products made from raw milk. Products such as milk, cream, fudge, and yogurt have been offered for several years, but ice cream was left off that original approval list. Jill Fudala, owner of Li'l Red Hen Farm, first raised the issue of this oversight and set the legislative process in motion.

After several meetings and phone conversations with stakeholders from the Farm Bureau, the Commissioner of Agriculture's office, the Food Safety Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as other farmers, the general consensus morphed into the language of the bill. Along the way compromises involving serving sizes and appropriate labeling led to a stronger consensus and an even better bill. After passing the House and Senate early this year, the bill was signed into law by Governor Sununu back in April.

New Hampshire farmers now have a perennial gastronomic favorite added to the list of products they can offer to hungry fans of raw milk. Who doesn't like ice cream? SEE **Ice Cream** page 3

VICTORY WORKERS 4-H CLUB CELEBRATES 80 YEARS 1942-2022

The Pittsfield club was established in 1942 by Ruth Kimball and Carol Ward with just 11 members. Meetings were held in Mrs. Kimball's farmhouse living room. Marjorie Marston Feeny named the club and their primary focus was on gardening and canning. Ruth was the organizational leader for 67 years until her passing in 2009. She was joined by other assistant organization leaders including Emily Barton and Pauline Barton Wheeler (both deceased), Corine Kimball Miller, Carolyn Kimball Davis, Mark Riel, Pamela Clattenburg and Melissa Currier Babcock.

The club is one of the largest, oldest and most active in the state, boasting five generations participating as leaders and members. It's currently under the key leadership of Pamela assisted by Melissa, Mark, Corine & Carolyn, all former 4-H members.

Since its humble beginnings, the club has served over 1,000 area youth not only in Pittsfield but also from the surrounding towns of, but not limited to, Gilmanton, Loudon, Barnstead, Chichester and Epsom. Members are taught life skills, such as building relationships, communication, decision making, time and money management, problem solving, goal setting, record keeping, writing resumes and teamwork. They also "Learn By Doing".SEE **4-H** page 3



Presentation Day 2022

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Pittsfield Old Home Day is Sat, July 23. The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". We are changing things up this year! The parade will be at 10:00am and the parade route will be shortened a bit. There will be no activities in Dustin ParkBUT we are planning a great, family fun day at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool) starting at approximately 11am (after the parade).

Tech Time at the Senior Center - Friday, June 10, at 9:30am: Have you wanted to get connected on Facebook or Instagram? Maybe you're having trouble using your phone. Come on in and we will figure it out!

Join the **Pittsfield Historical Society** at Sanborn Mills Farm (7097 Sanborn Rd, Loudon, NH) on Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30pm for a tour to see the only functioning water powered sawmill in the U.S. to have both Circular and an Up and Down Saw. (Directions: Loudon Rd from Rt. 28 towards Loudon. Approx. 1 mile past the Loudon town line marker take a hard right onto Sanborn Rd.)

Joy Church is hosting a FREE Community Breakfast on Saturday, June 11 at 11:30am. All are invited to come out and enjoy a free, hot breakfast with others from the community.

South Pittsfield Community Club Ham & Bean Suppers are back!! Dates are: June 11 and June 25, Time: 5:00 to 6:30pm, Where: 444 Dowboro Rd, Pittsfield. Prices are: Adults: \$10.00, Children ages 6 to 12: \$5.00, Under age 6 free! "All You Can Eat" menu includes: Ham, Homemade Baked Beans, Homemade Brown Bread, Potato Salad, Drinks and Homemade Pies. EAT IN OR TAKE OUT. The South Pittsfield Community Club (SPCC) was organized in 1925 to further the welfare of the community located around the Dowboro School and Dowboro House, (located just up the street from the school) which contained a store and a post office. The club helped neighbors in times of need and hosted various social activities. Since 1939 the SPCC has held its activities in the old Dowboro School. The school closed in 1931. In 1939 Joseph Marston purchased the building and donated it to the South Pittsfield Community Club. Today, we try to continue the tradition of helping our neighbors, contributing to local charities and maintaining the school house.

Come enjoy a wonderful supper and help support our history.

The **First Congregational Church,** 24 Main St., will present a patriotic concert, "It's America," Friday, June 17, 7 p.m. It will feature the Chancel Choir, JuBellation Handbell Choir and other talented musicians. Light refreshments will be served. Additional parking will be permitted at the Pittsfield Post Office parking lot. For more information, contact the church office, 603 435-7471. *God Bless America*!

This message is from the **Class of 1972:** If you were in the Class of 1972, even for a little while, please join our Group. Anyone can contact our Reunion Committee: Louis Houle, Martha Thorpe Laurie or Brenda Lucey Cochran. Our reunion is July 23, 2022 in Pittsfield. This is the big one so let's make it the best one yet! Please join our facebook group.

Declarations of candidacy for State Representative and Delegate to the Republican State Convention and for Governor, US Senator, Representative in Congress, Executive Councilor, State Senator or County Officer are to be filed with the NH Secretary of State's office no earlier than Wednesday June 1, nor later than Friday, June 10 at 5:00pm.

Josiah Carpenter Library is collecting plastic bottle caps and lids of all sizes and colors for a Very Cool project. Please save them and drop them off at the Library!

Library's Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibilities" Art Contest. All entries should follow an Ocean theme, are due to the Library by JUNE 20, may use any 2D medium (markers, crayons, paint, etc). Please include name, age and phone number on entry. For more information, contact the Library at 435-8406. Winning entries will be featured on a mural to be made by community members at Old Home Day on Saturday, July 23 and displayed at the Town Beach area.

Pittsfield Student Exhibition day will be held on Thursday, June 9 – PES from 12-6pm and PMHS from 12-7pm. Come see what the students have been learning all year! The Graduate Spotlight, sponsored by the PHS Alumni Association will be held 6:10pm.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Dana Bishop Tuesday. Enjoy your special Day! **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Cathy & Joe McHugh on Thursday! **4-H** Specific projects focus on citizenship, leadership, community service, health & nutrition, arts & crafts, basket weaving, quilting, chair caning, foods & nutrition, textiles & clothing, woodworking, animals, food preparation, cake decorating, photography, and YES, gardening and canning are still popular projects!

Our club members have opportunities to take part in community service programs such as maintaining the beautification project at the BCEP Recycling Facility, contributing to area food pantries, donating gifts to residents at Epsom Manor, sponsoring the Cook Off Booth and entering a float in the annual Pittsfield Old Home Day celebration, serving election day meals and being elves at the Children's Christmas Store. Members participate in county & state events like favorite food show, fashion revue, demonstrations, action exhibits, exhibiting at Hopkinton State Fair and Eastern States Exposition. In addition, members have opportunities through scholarships to attend Barry Conservation 4-H Camp and Teen Conference at UNH.

Victory Workers 4-H Club members and leaders meet on the first Monday of every month, October through May, at the Pittsfield Elementary School from 6:30-8pm. It includes a business meeting followed by a program. The June outing meeting this year will be held at the town pool on Sunday, June 12,



Corine Kimball Miller, Key Leader, Pamela Clattenburg, Organizational Leader, and Ruth Kimball, Founder.

at 1pm with a cookout and "80-year club birthday" celebration. Boys and girls membership ages are between 8-18 and Cloverbuds are 5-7 years old.

With dedicated volunteer leadership, family involvement and an active membership, the Victory Workers 4-H Club carries on the vision from its founding leaders. We continue to strive to "Make the Best Better". *Corine Miller*

Citizen of the Year

It's time to nominate a person for Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year 2022! Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town. However, only one can be selected. Please submit your nomination with a short note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year. Nominations can be sent to: *Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263.* Nominations should be received by Friday, June 17. **Ice Cream** Visitors to Li'l Red Hen Farm on Saturday enjoyed not only delicious ice cream in many flavors, but also tours of the farm, and a host of fresh, healthy, nutritious products made here in Pittsfield, throughout the Suncook Valley, and beyond. Passage of HB 95 was a truly cooperative effort by both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, and it opens new doors to success and viability for New Hampshire

farmers. It also offers NH consumers additional choices in the marketplace. That's a big step forward for our state, and it began with one small farm here in Pittsfield. *By J. C. Allard*

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To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the House met for the last time, until the veto session sometime in the fall, on committee of conference reports. The two from my committee, SB 313 and HB 230, passed on a voice vote with no comment, as did many others.

SB 200, the congressional districts, was debated but passed, 176-171, with 10 Republicans joining all but one Democrat in opposition. Now the governor says he's going to veto this map as well – after working with the conference committee!

HB 1431, the parental bill of rights, had a lengthy debate before it was not tabled, 169-173; then killed, 171-173, with 13 Republicans, including Representative Allard, joining all Democrats. I believe that much of the opposition to this bill was fueled by misinformation about what the bill actually said: a discussion with a teacher or counselor and a gender-confused child would be confidential, but if the teacher acted to, say, put a new name or pronoun in the school's databases, that action would be reported to the parents.

The only other bill killed in the House was HB 1333, on the DUI look-back period; it failed, 154-193, without debate, so I don't really know why. (I voted for it, as it seemed likely that a third and fourth conviction wouldn't show in a 10 year look back.)

Anyone interested can email me for my weekly newsletter, with all the details! *Representative Carol McGuire*, <u>mcguire4house@gmail.com</u> 782-4918

To The Editor:

For some weeks I have been concerned by the School Board's inability to fill a vacancy.

Earlier this week I emailed School Supt. Lane asking if the Board had appointed anyone, and if so, who.

Mr. Lane replied on Wednesday that he would not be able to answer my questions until Friday.

It seemed to me that as a simple Yes/No answer would suffice for the first question and a name for the second, his reluctance to answer made little sense.

Mr. Lane assured me that he would have answers for me by Friday morning. It is now Friday afternoon and I have received nothing.

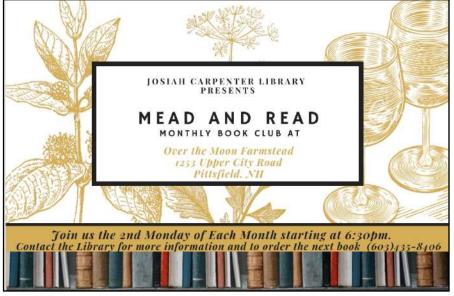
I'm beginning to regard the Board's unwillingness to fill a vacant position as arrogant with regard to the wishes of the people who voted to establish a five member Board and who reliably vote people into all vacant positions.

I've described the Board in the past as being dysfunctional, but now it appears that it is operating in deliberate disregard of the intentions of the voters.

It's time for some explanation of this situation, but none is being offered. *Bill Miskoe* Post Script: Superintendent. Lane, on Friday evening, answered my question from last Tuesday regarding whether the School Board has made an interim appointment to fill a vacant seat. Answer: No



June 14, 2022 Flag Day



Select Board Review May 24, 2022

First on the agenda was meeting this year's staff for the town pool on Clark St. Minnie introduced her crew (most returning help - only 2 new applicants this year) which consists of good, reliable and capable young people. We are fortunate these kids have the ambition to want to work - a seemingly rare attribute these days!

Citizen rep to the BCEP Solid Waste District, Mike Cabral, came in for a brief sit-down to bring us up to date with his experience so far on that important committee. Mike pledged to do his best to represent our town on the four-community BCEP. After talking to Mike we discussed the appointment process for BCEP which differs from other town volunteer applications in that the By-laws require each town select board to make their selections by April 1 each year. Town policy requires every applicant for volunteer positions to fill out an updated application each time they are up for re-appointment. Strictly for BCEP, this means applications must be in before the last select board meeting in March. We decided to have the town clerk post and notify individually those interested in (or already on) BCEP to remind them in February of these time constraints.

A bid by Hall's Excavation out of Bridgewater was accepted to replace the culvert on Dowboro Road at the Epsom town line. This job will cause some inconvenience to those accustomed to using that route to get to Route 4 but is an absolute necessity. *Carl Anderson*





Colby Shannon Morgan Jr.

Passed away peacefully in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 24, 2022, due to complications from acute myeloid leukemia, a disease he had courageously fought for nearly two years.

Colby has been described in many different words by many different people. Among these words are scholar, historian, leader, role model, musician, athlete, litigator, fighter, coach, Renaissance man, gentleman, man of God, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. His influence was broad. Colby was a person who lived life to the fullest. He, like his mother - because of his gregarious personality - never met a stranger. Many would feel that they had known Colby their entire lives after talking with him for just a few minutes. Everyone who knew him will miss him.

Colby was born on March 29, 1949, in Marshalltown, Iowa, where his father was the pastor of a local church. He spent his formative years, however, in

what became his lifelong hometown: Pittsfield, N.H. His enduring love for learning and his many talents were shaped early in his childhood. His parents were his first teachers, and they instilled in him the love of reading, while also teaching him music, Greek, history, and the need for discipline in life. Colby was fascinated by history. His parents gave him a subscription to the Civil War Times during the Civil War Centennial (1961-1965). The Civil War Times chronicled every battle and every move made by both the North and the South one hundred years later. Colby voraciously studied each volume and memorized the events of the Civil War. By doing so, he became an expert on the Civil War before he was 15 years old. He maintained this intensity of study in everything he did. He spent years researching the Morgan, Williams, Robertson, and King family histories. He memorized his ancestry and became an expert. Colby shared this ancestry with all family members because he believed it is important to know one's roots. Colby's family is very grateful for all the time and energy he poured into these endeavors.

By the time Colby reached high school he was an outstanding student, excellent athlete, accomplished musician, and school leader. His many activities included band, chorus, baseball, basketball, soccer, National Honor Society, Student Council president, freshman class secretary, and sophomore class president. He was particularly proud to be an essential part of two Pittsfield High School varsity baseball teams to win the Class M State Championships in 1965 and 1967. He won the DAR American History Award as a junior and the Rensselaer Math Award as a senior. Colby attended St. Paul's School Advanced Summer Program for Gifted Scholars upon the completion of his junior year of high school. He graduated as valedictorian of the Pittsfield High School Class of 1967 and received the Lamp of Knowledge for the highest grade point average for all four years of high school. Colby continued his scholarly pursuits at Dartmouth College and graduated in 1971. Upon graduation from college, he received a Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt Law School in 1974.

Colby met his future wife, Leslie Marmon, while at Vanderbilt. They wed in her hometown of Memphis in 1975, where they would eventually settle down and spend nearly all their 47 years together.

Colby's legal career included years of service with the Jackson Lewis National Labor and Employment Law Firm, the FedEx legal department, and the Holiday Corporation legal department. He traveled often and extensively throughout the country for his work. He also practiced law at private firms in New York and Memphis, including Memphis' oldest operating law firm, Apperson Crump, PLC. During his 22 years at FedEx, Colby received several awards for his litigation successes. Among these awards was FedEx's highest honor, the "Five Star Award." He also received the "Star Rising Award" for outstanding performance and the "Bravo Zulu Award" for outstanding performance beyond normal job expectations.

Admitted to the practice of law in both New York and Tennessee, Colby would also be admitted in 15 federal district courts, seven United States Courts of Appeals (including the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals), and the

United States Supreme Court. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Federalist Society, and a fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation.

Above and beyond his career, Colby loved his church, community, and country. He served as Chairman of the Memphis Civil Service Commission, Chairman of the Board of the Memphis Emmaus Community, Governor of the Tennessee Society of Colonial Wars, and State President for the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, for which he was awarded the Patriot Medal, that organization's highest honor, for his long, faithful, and outstanding service. He also served on the boards of Christ Methodist Day School, Su Casa Family Ministries, Latino Memphis, and the National Hispanic Professional Organization. Valued for his immense knowledge, Colby was frequently invited by groups to speak on legal, historical, and religious subjects.

Colby was an excellent teacher and musician. He freely gave of his time and talents. He will be remembered for his memorable teaching efforts, which included an unwavering participation with his wife, Leslie, in their Presidents Day program held annually at Christ Methodist Day School. For his part, Colby would dress up in full regalia to become George Washington, a memory that would endure for so many of the school's students. He will also be remembered for his singing, trumpet playing, and guitar playing. He sang in his church choir and in the Memphis Symphony Chorus, played "Taps" on his trumpet during Memorial Day and other solemn occasions, and often played "De Colores" on his guitar at Emmaus sendoffs. Colby's Pittsfield friends will remember his high school rock group, The Triangle (aka The Shannons when first established). He and his group performed at many high school dances and events throughout New Hampshire during the mid-1960s. Colby was the founder, lead guitarist, and vocalist of the group.

During his middle years, Colby started running for exercise, and then summoned the resolve to participate in three marathons, all of which he finished. He also studied Spanish so he could be helpful to the Latino Community in Memphis.

Colby put his family first. This applied to both his immediate family and his extended family. His love for his wife and three children never faltered. When he was not traveling for work, he coached baseball, basketball, soccer, and mock trial teams. He led Cub Scouts and supervised Pinewood Derby races. He made himself present at even the most nominal events of his children. He attended as many extended family events as he physically could. Colby was at most family weddings, funerals, family reunions, anniversary receptions, family football games, and birthday parties until his illness prevented him from traveling.

So much of Colby's life was influenced by his innate selflessness rooted in his core convictions and deep faith. With his passing, he leaves behind a proud example of conviction, commitment, wisdom, and faith. He will be remembered and loved forever by those who were blessed to know him.

Colby was preceded in death by his parents, Colby Shannon Morgan Sr. and Elizabeth Robertson Morgan, and his nephew, Ethan Morgan. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Leslie Marmon Morgan; two sons, Colby Shannon Morgan, III, and Jeffrey Michael Morgan (Courtney); one daughter, Sarah Morgan Ashey (Paul); four siblings, Charles Michael Morgan (Selina), Carol Morgan Taylor (Mike), Robert Lee Morgan, and Joel Stuart Morgan; four grandchildren, Rebecca Cahill Morgan, John Jeffrey Morgan, Julia Smith Morgan, and Hannah Lukens Morgan; his beloved maternal aunt, Virginia Robertson Stadler; six nieces and nephews; six grandnieces and grandnephews; and a multitude of cousins.

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Cook's Corner

Tomato Gratin Lasagna

Even though peak tomato season is still a few months away, I've already seen some gorgeous and delicious jumbo tomatoes at our local markets. Here's one of my favorite summer casseroles that takes advantage of those juicy red globes. This can be the centerpiece of a vegetarian meal, just add a nice green salad and crusty rolls to soak up the sauce; or, serve this lasagna alongside grilled chicken or fish. Mangia!

1 (15 oz) container ricotta cheese

2 large eggs, beaten

1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, divided

4 tsp grated fresh garlic

1 1/4 tsp kosher or coarse salt, divided

³⁄₄ tsp black pepper, divided

4 to 5 lbs large, firm tomatoes (about 5 or 6), cored & cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices

6 TBSP olive oil, divided

1 TBSP white or red wine vinegar

Cooking spray

9 no-boil lasagna noodles, such as Barilla brand, divided

1/2 cup Panko breadcrumbs

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 375. Stir together ricotta, eggs, ¼ cup basil, 2 teaspoons garlic, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper.

Combine all tomato slices in a large bowl with ¼ cup of olive oil, the vinegar, remaining 2 teaspoons of garlic, and remaining ½ teaspoon each of salt & pepper. Toss very gently to combine.

Coat a 9 x 13 glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange one-third of the tomatoes on the bottom of the dish, in a single layer. Top with 3 lasagna noodles. Spread ricotta mixture evenly on top of the noodles. Top with 3 more lasagna noodles, then arrange another layer of tomatoes on top of the noodles. Top with remaining 3 lasagna noodles, then arrange remaining tomato slices on top, shingling them if necessary. Pour any accumulated juices from the tomato bowl on top of the casserole. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, add 2 TBSP olive oil, toast the Panko breadcrumbs for about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove to a bowl, add the Parmesan cheese and stir to combine.

Remove lasagna from oven, sprinkle the Panko mixture evenly across the top and return to the oven for about 10 minutes. - *MP Christakos*

My Father By Beverly Adams

Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day. Some fathers will be remembered but many will be forgotten, and to the father whose child forgets, I write this. For so many times I was the child who forgot Father's Day and now that my father is dead, it's too late to remember him with gifts.

Some men father children and some men are fathers to children. My father was a father to his children all the days of his life.

His needs were simple and his wants were few. My father seldom dressed in a suit but his inner strength showed in his laborer's clothes and his worn felt slippers. My father was born in Francestown in the late 1800s and he learned early in life that hard work and poverty were to be his lot.

He received a mustard seed of formal education but had a storehouse of knowledge.

My father worked from dawn to dusk at a factory, so afraid that if he wasn't there when he was needed that he might not be needed; so day after day he worked.

He wasn't perfect but then who is? He didn't possess the patience of Job probably because he didn't know who Job was. If he thought that it might benefit anyone I'm sure he would have tried to be a Job.

To my knowledge my father never owned anything of any value. He didn't own a house but his character was the foundation of his family. He seldom attended church and when he did it was to please those he loved. He suffered and died with a dignity that few men possess. His only legacy to his family was the life he lived.

My father asked me not to cry the day he died. I wonder if he knew now how hard it was not to cry that cold November day? My father will forgive me this Father's Day because with a portion of the strength he alone bestowed on me I didn't cry the day he died. But on this Father's Day I'll cry not only for my father but also for the daughter I should have been. (Dear Readers: This article was previously published in the *Suncook Valley Sun*. Beverly Adams, Art Morse and Margie Lank's mother, is writing about her father, Harry Adams who passed in 1961.)

This is a reader response to a recent Dear Crabby letter.

To the person who lives with Old Bug Dope,

I do not understand how you can only have one can of insect repellent. You must not have bugs where you live. We go through 3-5 cans a summer. I do not like bug bites. I commend your husband, like everything else, he paid this year's price, in 10 years it is going to be more expensive. *Do Not like Bugs*





Flag Day Hidden Pictures

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words that begin with that letter all day.

