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"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return."- Nelson Mandela

HOT AIR BALLOONS RISE ABOVE IT ALL OVER PITTSFIELD!

Who said you can't make the most delicious lemonade from the most sour lemons? Well, even though the official Hot Air Balloon Rally was cancelled, our skies were still graced with balloons two weekends ago. BIG HOT AIR THANKS to Adam Gauthier, his 'crew,' the land-owners, and many of our hot air ballooning friends! All of this made so many of us smile and have happy hearts! Thanks for making it happen!



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The 2020 PMHS Female Athlete of the Year: During the Fall Season, she was team captain and leader of the varsity team. Her commitment and leadership to the team did not go unnoticed by her coach or teammates. The younger players looked up to her and saw her as a role model. She led the team with 7 goals and 7 assists. She was awarded the Coach's Award and earned All-Conference honors for the Granite State Conference South. She was also named to the Division IV All-State Team. During the Winter Season She was one of the most fierce and energetic players on the floor. She did a lot of things that did not appear in the score book but were essential to her team's success. She was always the first on the floor for a loose ball, and never afraid to dive into a pile if it helped her team. She practiced and played hard and it showed in her improvement over the course of the season, especially on defense, where she was often tasked with guarding the opposing team's top players. **The 2020 PMHS Female Athlete of the Year goes to Kianna Vincelette.**

The 2020 PMHS Male Athlete of the Year: During the Fall Season, this co-captain started all 17 games as our center midfielder. He led the team with 13 goals in 17 games. He is a tireless worker on both sides of the ball. He's a natural leader by example and has learned to assert himself vocally. He was the recipient of the Golden Boot Award and the Mark Watkins MVP Award. He was also elected to the Granite State All Conference Team. During the Winter Season, he was the team's top defender and was always tasked with guarding the other team's top scorer. Collectively, this season, he limited 9 of the opposing team's top scorers to single digits. His efforts were not only noticed by his teammates, he was named Defensive Player of the Year for PMHS, as well as the NHBCO Defensive Player of the Year, voted on by all division coaches. He helped guide the Panthers to a record of 14-4 and their second Final Four appearance in three seasons. He excels in the classroom and was named to the NHBCO All-Academic Team. **The 2020 PMHS Male Athlete of the Year goes to (#1) Jesse MacGlashing.**

The Friday Night Kayaking Group meets in a different location every Friday evening at 6pm. For more information about this great activity, please visit www.huffnpuff.info

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A "BUY-A-BRICK" project for the commemorative garden is underway. Buy a brick to honor whomever you wish (even a beloved Pet)! The bricks are \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines, 18 characters per line. Go to www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For information, call 798-3984, or contact Larry Berkson at larryberkson@comcast.net

PYW continues to offer Summer programs. All activities are being held outdoors at PYW from 1-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; with virtual programs on Wednesdays. Go to www.pittsfielddyouthworkshop.org to REGISTER! There are a limited number of spaces per activity, with waiting lists in case of cancellations. A new schedule of activities every two weeks!

FB Argue Recreation Area (aka **Town Beach**) is open. Now, masks only need to be worn if social distancing is not possible. Activities such as Bingo, Sandcastles and Duck Hunt have started again. Snacks are also available now. We'd love to see more people using the Town Beach area – come on down and enjoy it!

Happy Birthday wishes to Sally Petalas last Sunday, and to my sister, Michele Karwocki on Friday. I hope you both enjoy your special day! Happy Anniversary wishes to Ben & Bonita Davis on last Monday; Merrill & Diane Vaughan and Sally & Jeff Wardwell on Thursday!

Proposed Reopening Plan for Pittsfield Schools

The Pittsfield School Board was presented with the school reopening plan. To read the plan, go to: www.pittsfieldnhschools.org/sau/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PSD-Proposed-Reopening-Plan-20-21.pdf. The plan outlines a proposal for all learning to be online, with the support of students coming into school in a hybrid model. This means students will have the option to be on-site in small cohorts on a part-time basis, or to work fully remotely. The first day of school will be September 3.



Cook's Corner

Baked Cod with Pesto

Here's a new, easy spin on classic baked fish. You can substitute the cod for whatever fresh fillets you can find, such as haddock, tilapia, or monkfish. In addition to being tasty and light, this dish also presents well. Don't forget – we eat with our eyes first! Bon appetit!

- 1 lb cherry tomatoes (yellow & red)
- Reserve a few pieces of tomatoes for garnish
- 2 cod fillets, about 1 to 1½ lbs.
- 8 Tbsp prepared pesto sauce
- 2 shallots, very thinly sliced
- Olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- Fresh basil leaves for serving

Heat oven to 450. Slice tomatoes in half and place in an oven proof baking pan or dutch oven – place the tomatoes, cut sides up, in two rows of two. Top the two 'batches' of tomatoes with the shallots.

Place the fish fillets on top of the tomatoes / shallots. Using about ¾ of the pesto, spread on top of the fish. Season with salt & pepper and lightly drizzle with just a little olive oil.

Cover the dish with foil, shiny side down. Roast in the oven for about 20 minutes or until the fish is cooked through. Add more pesto if needed and top each fillet with two sliced tomatoes and a small basil leaf.

Carefully remove the fish, with the tomato slices underneath, to the dinner plates. Serve with sliced lemon. Cooked linguine dressed simply with olive oil and fresh grated Parmesan would be lovely alongside this fish, with maybe garlic bread and a salad.

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Josiah Carpenter Library

Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Reading: Have a family story time. Each person picks a book to read aloud.

The Pittsfield Post Loves News!

Do you have an interesting story to tell, or maybe you want to share info with your friends and neighbors?

Are you a member of a community group that has news to share? Send us your news by noon on Friday!

pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org



Nine Million Pieces

Tossed my clothes
In the machine -
Certain they would
Come out clean.

Clean indeed they were,
But plastered everywhere
With tiny shreds of tissue

That had somehow snuck in there!

MVH

How many colors can you use to color me?



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Against His Will
Part Five of a Serial Tale
By Apen Monicoeur

Jeannette took his call as she crossed the street at the light.

"Beanie," Trace said.

"Hi, Trace!"

"Listen, Liz came back from lunch downtown..." Jeannette felt her stomach drop. The new secretary, a pain in her ask-me-no-more-questions, most likely saw her dining outside with Mr. Parson's eldest son, Edwin Charles Parson, Jr.

"Yes?"

"I have requested to go undercover with this case," Trace said.

Jeannette stopped walking.

"Trace, I..."

"I know, Beanie. It'll only be for a few weeks." Jeannette knew otherwise. Breaking cases could take months, years. With Trace going undercover, she couldn't contact him, slip into his assigned apartment for a little bed sheet remodeling, no homemade dinners and Netflix nights; no smelling his lightly cedar and pine aftershave lotion, feel the touch of his warm hand, the brush of his lips against her ear.

"And Jeannette, Beanie?"

"Yes?"

"You have to stay out of this. Do you understand?"

Jeannette sighed. That receptionist, Liz, most likely did see her and Edwin eating together. He stood out like a sore thumb in this small town. Far too much posh and polish to fit in. Liz, with multi-colored hair, tattoos and piercings, told Trace about her lunchtime meet-up with Edwin, and Trace, in turn, panicked and was now pulling himself into undercover mode because of it.

"Crap, crap, crap, crap," pounded the blood in her temples at each step. Evans, her editor, wanted a story for the *Monitor*. Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. wanted her to find the will, and Trace wanted her to take a hiatus from all of it so he could do his job without her interference.

She turned the street corner and nearly bumped into a tall man coming from the other direction. His hair was neatly trimmed and shaven from the ears up, leaving a tuft of curly brown locks at the top. A thin beard bordered his jawline, accentuated by a thin moustache across his thick lips. Blue eyes pierced into her as he grabbed her elbow to steady her.

"I am so, so sorry!" the man apologized. "It is entirely my fault."

Jeannette felt suddenly flustered and off-guard. Words fumbled around in her mouth trying to escape.

"I.. it's... I'm okay," she blurted.

A smile passed his bronzed face and she blushed.

"I really do offer you my apology," he remarked. "My head is a bit full today and I'm not very good at paying attention to where I'm going."

"That...that happens to me, too, sometimes," Jeannette stated. "I get so distracted that I'd walk right into traffic if it weren't for folks like you looking out for me."

Really, Jeannette? How self-deprecating can you be? She was coming off as having a blatant school-girl crush and wished a piano would just drop out of the sky and end her embarrassment right then and there.

"Well, have a nice day," the man said.

"You, too," she stated automatically.

She turned to head into the door of the four-story office building when suddenly she was slammed into the frame.

"I so beg your pardon!" The man apologized again. They had bumped into one another trying to get into the same building through the same door.

This time Jeannette let out a laugh and brushed aside her self-consciousness.

"After you," she said.

"No, I insist. Ladies first." The man waved her in.

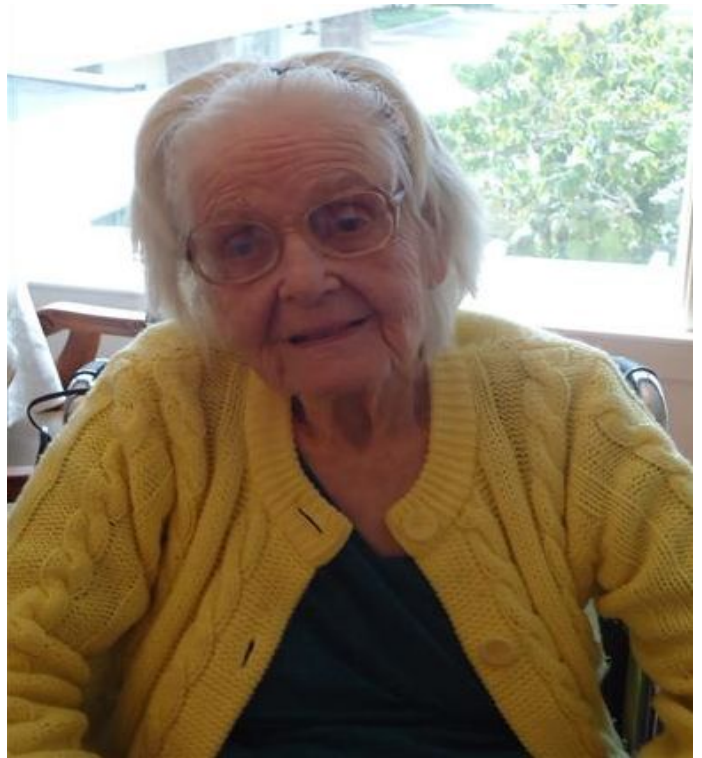
Separately, they entered into the offices of Fannigan, Brower and Issac, Esquires.

Barbara E. Gilman

Barbara E. Gilman, 93, of Manchester, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020 at Hanover Hill Nursing Home in Manchester after a period of declining health. Born on January 28, 1927 in Pittsfield, she was the eldest daughter of the late Harold S. and Louise (Emerson) Gilman. Barbara was educated in the local schools and went on to work as a seamstress at Globe Manufacturing for many years. She most recently volunteered her time at the Gilman Library in Alton and assisted with beautifying the cemetery in Alton. She became interested in genealogy later in her life and put together a comprehensive family tree. She was a longtime member of Park Street Baptist Church in Pittsfield. Barbara enjoyed helping people in town, baking, doing crafts, gardening and sewing. She spent time helping friends and taking care of others when she stopped working for Globe. She lived simply and independently for the majority of her life. Her family wants to thank Holly Brown and Martha Nickerson for helping Barbara when she was living on her own in Alton. Barbara has also been fondly remembered by Ken and Connie Martin, who spent many summers gardening with her. In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her brothers, Charles Gilman and Leonard Gilman. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Polichronopoulos and her husband, James, of Manchester, as well as several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held on August 14, 2020 at 11:00am, at Riverview Cemetery in Barnstead, for anyone interested in attending.

Tables in Dustin Park

Three tables have been moved from the F B Argue Recreation Area to Dustin Park in an effort to enhance the Park. This is a joint effort between PYW, the Library, and the Parks and Recreation Committee, and approved by the Select Board. The library and PYW may use these tables for some activities, but they are also there for public use. Please be advised, these tables cannot be reserved and will not be sanitized. You may sanitize before use and after, if you so desire. The hope is that people will respect the tables and that people will have a place for small groups to more comfortably gather in the park.



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String of Words Puzzle #2

Fill in the blanks so that the second word in each line becomes the first word in the next line.

Clue: The number of spaces shown correspond to the number of letters in that word. The last word is the same as the first word.

Moon _____

_____ Cream

Cream (and) _____

_____ (and) Spice

Spice _____

_____ Pan

Pan _____

_____ (with) Care

Care _____

_____ Store

Store _____

_____ New

New _____

Answers are on the last page.

