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**"The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature affects the cure" -
Voltaire**

WINTERFEST 2020 A BLAST!!



*Guess who joined us for sledding?
Dan "The Man" Schroth! Photo by Tara Ash*

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank the Josiah Carpenter Library and the Pittsfield Elementary School PTO for their help in sponsoring Winterfest this year.

The weekend was lots of fun and well attended. The games, cookie decorating, and the Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activity were enjoyed by children and adults. Wildlife Encounters presented seven different live animals from around the world, including a wallaby, a turtle, and a python. PJ Storytime, sponsored by the library, was a blast, and Candy Bar Bingo was sweet! On Wednesday, the last day of Winterfest, kids big and small enjoyed sledding, and topped off the day with

hot cocoa and cookies donated by the PTO. Depending on ice safety at the town beach, we will attempt our 'make up' ice skating, bonfire, and s'mores on February 22 from 1-4pm.

A huge thank you to groups that helped with Winterfest, as well as those of you who came and enjoyed the activities.

School Deliberative Session Pre-Meeting Hosted by Youth Leaders with Pittsfield Listens

Youth Leaders with Pittsfield Listens invites you to join an educational session, prior to the School Deliberative Session, to learn about the deliberative session process, review the budget articles, meet fellow community members, and have informal space to ask questions before joining the Deliberative Session.

The event will take place on Wednesday, February 5, from 5:30-7pm in the Pittsfield Elementary School Art Room. Young people and adults are welcome; 5:30pm free pizza dinner and informal connecting, 6-6:50pm educational session with Youth Leaders and Robert Schiferle, Chair of the Budget Committee, and then we'll go to the School Deliberative session in the PES Gym at 7pm. Pizza sponsored by Jack's Pizza. Snow date is Thursday, February 6.

Pittsfield Listens encourages underrepresented youth, parents, and families to have a community voice on issues and policies that directly affect their education and lives. For questions or more information, please contact Amanda Pawlik, amanda@pittsfieldlistens.org or 603-312-0695, facebook.com/pittsfieldlistens and pittsfieldlistens.org

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January 31, 5pm Deadline

Declarations of Candidacy for Town Office positions will expire on Friday, January 31 at 5pm. You may file at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main Street. The declaration forms will also be available to download from the Town website. The following offices are open: Selectman 1 (3) year term, Town Moderator 1 (2) year term, Supervisor of the Checklist 1 (6) year term, Town Treasurer 1 (3) year term, Trustee of Trust Funds 1 (3) year term, Library Trustee 1 (3) year term, Cemetery Trustee 1 (3) year term, Planning Board 1 (3) year term and Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 (3) year terms.

January 31, 5pm Deadline

Declarations of Candidacy for School District positions will expire on Friday, January 31 at 5pm. You may file at the office of the School District Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main Street. The declaration form will also be available to download from the Town and School District websites. The following School offices are open: School Board Member 1 (3) year term and School District Treasurer 1 (3) year term.

Monday February 3, 10am

Sports Day Bingo at the Senior Center. Come dressed in sports paraphernalia. Best dressed will win a prize!

Tuesday February 4, 10am

A painting club will begin at the Senior Center. Come and enjoy getting together and creating art.

Friday, February 7

The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders' annual Winter Raffle is underway. Prizes are \$500, \$300, & \$200 - only 200 tickets to be sold. Ticket price is \$20 and the drawing will be held on February 7. Contact any club member, or stop in at St. George Auto Body, or call (603) 435-6737.

Friday February 14, 10:30am

Valentines Day Ice Cream Party at the Senior Center. Please sign up by Wednesday, February 5.

Monday, February 17, 6pm

Planning for the PHS All Class Reunion in July 2020 has begun!! We are looking for ONE member from each class to act as the Key Contact person – to contact their own classmates and inform them about the reunion. INTERESTED??? Please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

for more information. Our next meeting is Monday, February 17 at 6pm at PMHS Media Center.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Lynn Lamy** yesterday, **Cheyenne Snedeker** and **Bill Provencal** today and to **Ruth Lawrence** and **Alan Flanders** on Thursday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Community Open Mic Night Hosted by Youth Leaders with Pittsfield Listens

You're invited to an Open Mic Night hosted by Youth Leaders with Pittsfield Youth Voice in it Together (PYViiT) of Pittsfield Listens. PYViiT encourages the power of youth voice on issues and policies that directly affect their education and their lives.

The event will take place on Wednesday, February 12th, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Pittsfield Area Senior Center (74 Main St.). All ages, all talents, all voices are invited to join! Young people are especially encouraged to share their talents. Bring a family-friendly song, poem, skit, joke, magic trick, or any other talent you would like to share, or just come to enjoy a fun evening of sharing and celebrating creativity. The Senior Center will be transformed into a cozy, vintage-style cafe. Snacks will be available, and pizza by donation- sponsored by Jack's Pizza. Contact Amanda Pawlik with questions or to sign up ahead of time, (sign ups are welcome at the event, too!) amanda@pittsfieldlistens.org 603-312-0695, facebook.com/pittsfieldlistens, pittsfieldlistens.org

Little Panthers at PMHS

February 5-19 10:15am - 11:15am

A group of students has selected 'early childhood education' as the focus of their learning studio. They will be offering an hour of activities, read-aloud, songs, and snacks each Wednesday at the High School. Families, caregivers, and pre-school age children are invited to come and enjoy some fun activity time outside of the house! When you arrive, sign in at the office and ask for Mrs. Massicotte's *Little Panthers*.

Josiah Carpenter Library Ready to Read

Activity of the Week

Measure Your Feet Day! Line up all the family's shoes and boots. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?



Ralph F. Eckhardt
“Grampy”

It is bittersweet to announce that Ralph F. Eckhardt age 85, of Pittsfield, NH departed Earth for Heaven on January 5, 2020.

Ralph was a dedicated husband to A. Jean Eckhardt for 48 years. He was a loving Dad to Debbie, Duane, Denise, and Dawn; a Grampy to many, and loved by his three brothers and deceased sister. We were all very grateful the year Ralph came into our family. He was a wonderful Dad.

Ralph was a veteran of the United States Air Force, joining in 1952, and was an aircraft mechanic who worked on many types of aircraft. He was proud to serve his country. Later he worked as a farmer, but his love was driving truck. He drove for many years, covered many miles, and had many stories.

Ralph was known for his red tee-shirts, blueberry picking, and going for walks. He loved his walks and many in the town of Pittsfield knew him well. Thanks for being so kind to our Dad.

Ralph leaves behind many hearts that loved him and laughed with him. His desire to live was contagious. Before his first heart surgery the surgeon remarked that the repairs should last two years; He got 7, in which he lived to the fullest.

At his request, no services will be held at this time. He wants to wait for “Jeanie-Girl”.

You were a gift to me and will be deeply missed. Until we meet again.

Love “Sweet Pea”

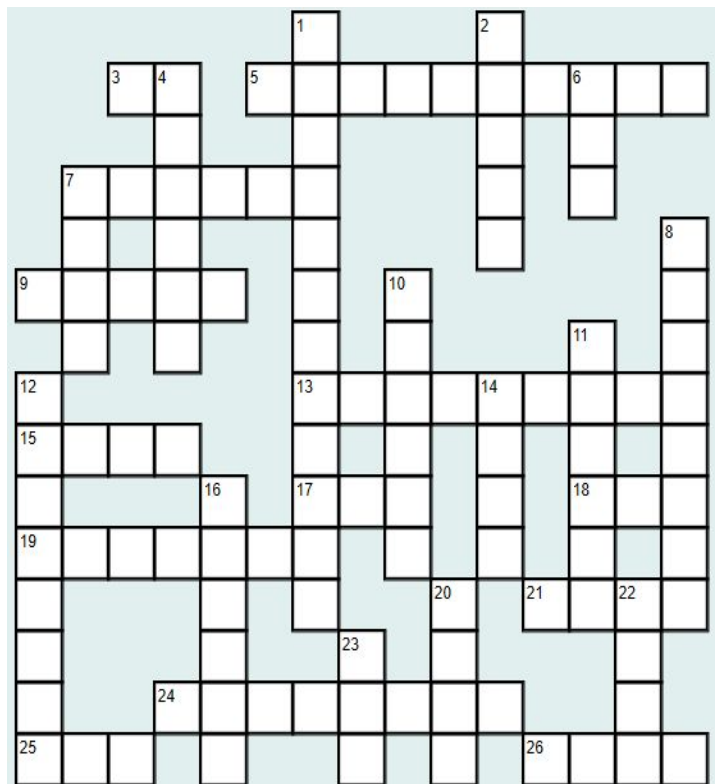
Cats Galore

Across

- 3) Calico cat abbreviation
- 5) Cat with 6-8 toes per paw
- 7) A member of the cat family.
- 9) Infamous cat color.
- 13) Large wild cat also known as a mountain lion
- 15) Cat’s warning sound
- 17) Cats typically have 4 on their back feet, 5 on the front.
- 18) Cats are famous for being able to _____ at night.
- 19) Blue eyed cat originally from Thailand.
- 21) Broadway play.
- 24) Gotham City burglar
- 25) Cats _____ marble
- 26) Most people _____ cats.

Down

- 1) House cat.
- 2) Domestic cat with a striped and mottled coat
- 4) Cat known for random markings, generally female.
- 6) Male cat
- 7) Place water in a dish
- 8) The pride of Pittsfield.
- 10) Young cat
- 11) Home of the Siberian tiger
- 12) Alice in Wonderland grinning cat.
- 14) Cry of a cat.
- 16) A tiger found in South Asia.
- 20) Lion’s warning
- 22) Many people _____ to their cat.
- 23) Not cold



To my constituents in Pittsfield,

Earlier this month the House started on the new 2020 bills. I presented my HB 1412 to the Education Committee. This bill requires all high schools to grant graduation credit from courses earned at any other New Hampshire public school, with an allowance for partial credit at the school's discretion that must be reported to the student, parents and the State Board of Education (to allow for poor performance or a poor fit with the new school's curriculum.) Sounds obvious, but I've heard from many people that it isn't always the case. I also presented HB 1416, which allows cosmeticians and estheticians to get a certificate from the Body Art (tattoo) Board to perform eyebrow microblading. This is a form of permanent makeup, currently trendy, that otherwise requires a full body art license. Neither bill had any opposition, so I hope they will go forward.

My committee also heard a pair of bills to update the Manchester city retirement system to current IRS regulations, and to require employees to contribute more to the system, retire later, and calculate their final pay on a five-year average, not three. These are almost exactly the reforms we made to the state retirement system in 2011, to extreme opposition from the employees, their unions, and most Democrat legislators, so it was amusing to see them presented by a Democrat unionist!

Anyone wishing more information can call or email me for my weekly newsletter, which has all the details.

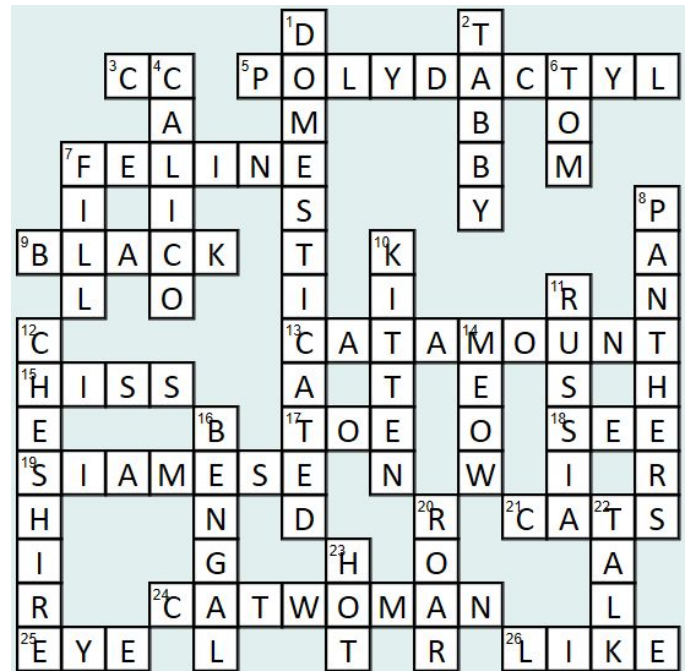
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