

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen." -Denise Witmer **August 30, 2023**

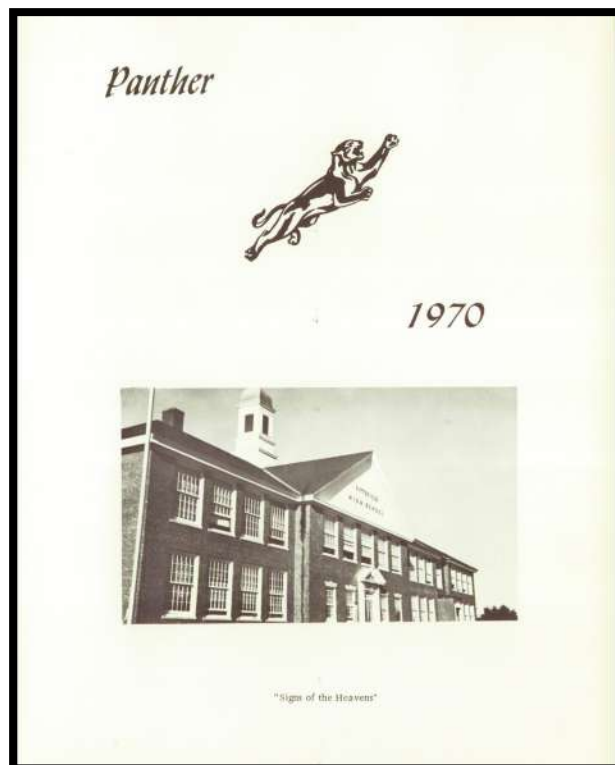
Remember When?

The start of a new school year brings back memories of beginning a new grade level, playing sports, joining a club, and the anticipation of seeing favorite teachers and friends once again. Our friends Jonas and Elaine Glidden, teachers at PMHS from the 1970s to 2005, are back in town and ready to stroll down memory lane with a program on the "good old Golden Rule days" of school.

Jonas will present "What Made Pittsfield Schools Different and Unique" and Elaine will discuss "Technology in the Schools and the Difference It Made." Many of you know the Gliddens through their activities in the school and the community. The rest of you probably know them by reputation!

This is an opportunity to hear two beloved teachers as they enjoy sharing and hearing stories of the school and its people "back when," so be prepared to do some reminiscing!

Please join us on Wednesday, September 13, 7pm, at the PMHS Lecture Hall. This program is offered by the Pittsfield Historical Society and is free and open to the public. *Liz Dimmick*



Update From the *Pittsfield Post*

The *Pittsfield Post* moved to a bi-weekly publication schedule over this summer. This cadence worked well for the volunteer group and we decided to continue publishing the newsletter on a bi-weekly basis going forward. We will remain flexible and plan to publish 'special issues,' particularly during public election cycles, or as may be necessary or beneficial to our readers, business owners and supporters.

In addition, we have changed our deadline time for general submissions, opinion pieces, and advertising from 12:00 noon on Fridays to **9:00am on Fridays**.

The *Pittsfield Post* volunteers remain dedicated to providing our readers with news regarding our town and we greatly appreciate your support and readership.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please message us at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org and share your stories, comments and advertising needs. *MP Christakos*

The *Post* Volunteers are savoring summer...
The next ***Pittsfield Post*** will be published on September 13.

Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

The Senior Center is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8am–1pm. The schedule for **Mondays and Thursdays** = 8:15-9am: Sweatin' To The Oldies - all ages and levels of ability are welcome; 9-9:30am: Coffee & Chit Chat; 9:30-11am: Bingo & 50/50 - 5 cents a card; 11:15 am: Lunch. **Wednesdays** = 9-10:30am: Cribbage & Games. Walking at Center: Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8am-1pm. For more information or if you have questions, call 603-435-8482.

The Dowboro Farm Farmstand is OPEN! The kids from the Victory Workers 4-H club and others have had a couple of months off and are ready to get back at it! They'll be bringing back some of your favorite items and have been working on some new surprises, too! Stop in at 615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield, NH.
Hours: Thurs-Sat - 9:30-6pm & Sun - 10:30-4pm

Saturday September 30 - Are you a Target shopper? PYW has been chosen as a Nonprofit Partner, and we could use your votes! A share of \$15,000 will be divided between five worthy nonprofits, based on the number of votes each receives. Vote by Sept. 30. More info can be found at www.target.com/circle

Sunday November 5 9am - We know, Summer is hardly over BUT, save the date - Sunday November 5th for <https://www.catamountwomenaid.org/catamount-5k> BEST swag bags, cool hat if you are on of the first 100 registered....great food and even some prizes!!! Come join the fun, run, walk and help our neighbors in need!

End 68 Hours of Hunger Barnstead/Pittsfield NH- Attention Barnstead and Pittsfield communities: Seeking Families. Our program is looking for families who reside in Barnstead or Pittsfield who can benefit from our program. Please share this info with those who may be interested. They can call Lori Mahar at 603-490-5254 or Michelle Leach at 781-325-6274, or sign up online: <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/>

The Pittsfield Historical Society 2024 Calendar is now available for purchase at the Town Hall, Library and Historical Society. The cost is \$15. The theme for the 2024 calendar is "Hotels, Boarding Houses, Resorts, Retreats and Summer Camps."

Happy Birthday wishes to Chris Plante on Thurs, Aug. 31; Arlo Tuttle, Fri, Sept. 1; Ted Mitchell, Sat, Sept. 2. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Jim and Jean Brown on Mon, Aug. 28.



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The Pittsfield Players Present
Curtain Up! An Evening of Music
Fundraising at its Finest!

Be prepared to be wowed as The Pittsfield Players bring you all those songs you love from Broadway and beyond!

On Saturday, September 9 at 8pm, Director Cat Martinez, alongside Music Director Jane Cormier (a.k.a. mom), will bring you the most talented cast to feature such songs as: "Music of the Night" from *Phantom of the Opera*, "Luck Be a Lady" from *Guys and Dolls*, "If I Were A Rich Man" from *Man of La Mancha*, as well as "Timewarp" from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and "One Day More" from *Les Mis*, among many others, by brilliant performers!

Also featured will be live audience voting for the best shows of The Pittsfield Players from 2022. As you chat and chew over your nominations you can partake in the goodies being provided by Chef Jeannie LeGrow. You will get a chance to vote your favorites to be announced at intermission! There will be raffle prizes such as gift cards and goodies, as well as a chance to win a Season Pass to The Pittsfield Players 2024 season, which will be announced for the first time that night!

Producer Josh Crowell-Gregoire, light and sound techs Tech Productions, LLC, and costumer Val Eaton have worked hard to get you in the right frame of mind to be wowed and wooed by the electric atmosphere powered by this chance to enhance and improve your theatre in downtown Pittsfield, The Scenic Theater, Home of The Pittsfield Players, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield, NH, and just one stop on Pittsfield's Historic Trail! It's our chance to thank all of our wonderful contributors and to wrap up the last of the donations for the installation of our HVAC. Bring your taste buds, your wallet, your toe-tapping shoes, and let's do the "Time Warp" again as we bring you an evening filtered by Live Free Heating and Cooling and, depending on the temps, either heated or cooled to your liking!

Please don't miss this completely unique experience; Curtain Up! An Evening of Music; get your tickets now at www.pittsfieldplayers.org

PITTSFIELD PLAYERS

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Select Board Work Session Review August 14, 2023

In order to get out ahead of the latest thing on our plate, namely the requirement that we rename some streets and roads and renumber certain residences in order to comply with current 9-1-1 addressing regulations, we decided to add a work session on one of our 'off weeks.' It's not as though previous boards haven't ever had to deal with situations similar to this, however we've got a lot more of it, except when 9-1-1 came into being in NH nearly 30 years ago.

Some of the affected roads were named hundreds of years ago, so for a few people there's a feeling that the name shouldn't be tampered with for historic reasons. Almost everyone located on a section of road that gets a name change or in a house that gets a new number will have no choice but to deal with an address change. We are aware of the hassle and intend to mitigate it as best we can.

There are numerous instances of address number sequencing discrepancies in which a house is numbered much lower or higher than neighboring properties, even though the numbering goes counter to the street sequence. Like discontinued sections of roads, this opens the door for mistakes by responding emergency crews, potentially in life-or-death situations. Simply because these issues haven't caused a problem in the past doesn't mean they won't in the future (as demonstrated recently in Swanzey, the impetus of this whole matter). Our emergency response personnel in Pittsfield, as well as mutual aid responders from other towns, deserve to have the correct information at their fingertips to be able to do their job.

True Road, Thompson Road and Park St. are being partially renamed for sure, with some renumbering of other streets across town. Public hearings will be held so we can take input from residents. Please keep in mind, this was not the idea of the Select Board, (and we didn't really need more to do), but it has been foisted on us and we'll do our duty and deal with it. All interested residents, please watch the town website, Post Office and town hall lobby for hearing notices. *Carl Anderson*



FREE Preschool for ages 3-5 years old!

Pittsfield Head Start is located next to the middle school
and serves surrounding towns.

Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Two meals provided daily at no cost to families.

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603-225-3295 ext. 1127 for more information



School Board Update

The Pittsfield School Board has had a busy August as we gear up for the start of school. As of our last meeting on August 17th, we only have two teacher vacancies to fill. The board is grateful to Superintendent Lane, Charlene Vary, Derek Hamilton and Kristen White for their diligence on recruiting, posting, interviewing and hiring candidates throughout the summer to ensure our schools are fully staffed.

The Board was proud to be a part of the welcome back breakfast for PSD teachers, faculty and staff on Thursday, 8/24. We are excited to see where these talented educators and support staff will go this year!

The Board has been discussing and planning for use of unanticipated revenue from changes in the adequacy formula from the state. While originally we believed the amount would be much higher, we are confident that, with town approval, these funds will help defray necessary costs.

The process for this to occur is that a warrant with specific information on the increased revenue is being created and must be approved by the Board by this coming Wednesday, 8/30. We will then have a public hearing, the recommended date for this being Thursday, 9/7. A public meeting will then occur on Thursday, 9/21 for the citizens to decide on accepting this additional funding.

In addition to the meetings surrounding additional funding, the Board has a special event coming up next month. The Board is sponsoring a presentation by the New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project. We would love for you to attend. We will sponsor this event on Thursday, 9/21 at 5:30-6:30pm to be followed by the public meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 7th at 5:30pm in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there.
Molly Goggin mgoggin@sau51.org 603-387-1396.



On our first day at the NH State House, Cyril and I had the pleasure of meeting Rep. Valerie McDonnell of Salem, who is the youngest representative ever elected to a State House!!! We have been so impressed by her during our first year that it has inspired us to encourage young people to participate in politics. The NH Legislative Youth Advisory Council (NH LGAC) advises the General Court on issues important to youth. This would be an excellent way for young people to get trained.

The NH LGAC is a statutory committee (RSA 19-K) started in 2006. It comprises 21 members (1 member of the House, 1 member of the Senate, and 19 members between the ages of 15 – 22) who are appointed by the Senate President, Speaker of the House, Governor, and Secretary of State. The group usually meets on Sunday afternoons to accommodate school or work schedules and must meet at least 4 times a year. Serving on the committee would provide experience in lawmaking by participating in mock sessions; providing pass/fail recommendations on active bills to the committees, House and Senate; and submitting ideas for future bills.

We've just been informed there are currently 7 vacancies! The deadline for application is September 30. The application is found at bit.ly/nh-lyac. Please answer "Merrimack" for the county of residence. You may apply if you are between the ages of 15 and 22, in high school, college, or working. These are non-partisan positions. If you need more information or help with the form, please contact Cyril or myself at info@claytoncyril4house.com Sincerely, Your State Representatives *Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*



Tres Bien ("Tray Bien") - Invented by Kathy Holmes of Chichester

Grilling Kabobs was always frustrating because of food sticking to the grill when attempting to turn it.

Build this grilled dish from the bottom up, then put it on the grill for 20 to 25 minutes. No need to tend it. Have your rice ready for when your Tres Bien is done cooking. You can make this "family style" in a large tray/pan, or have individual trays. This dish is great for company because your guests can build their own tray, leaving out vegetables they don't want.

Instructions

- In a metal tray with edges, lay down bacon and/or oil.
- Choose to add cubes of beef, chicken, pork – or no meat. Season with garlic powder.
- Add many veggies or even pineapple, but tomatoes are a must to avoid the tray drying up in the grilling.
- Top the tray with your favorite grilling sauce and, optional, more bacon.

Finer Touch Cleaning and Organizing: Gardening Tips

Mike, my former neighbor in Manchester, taught me a lot. I have always been friends with landscapers and had knowledge of landscaping since I was 13.

To get a green lawn, push the mower in a different direction each time you mow. Don't always do it the same way. If a gas mower doesn't work, try an electric one.

You can purchase a mower off season in the winter, or go to an estate sale (which go on all year); and purchase a snow blower in the summer. You will save hundreds of dollars.

If you use a blower, it will save you time and money. Blowers are used for getting out stones, pebbles, leaves, for a porch outside, and having a perfect driveway. You see them at banks, etc.

If you have a sand driveway you can rake out stones. Always rake a sand driveway and wet it down. With tar you can use a blower; it's better for a home than sand; keeps floors cleaner.

Mulch around plants, bushes, and trees. Use pavers to build gardens. Go to a home improvement store and pick their brains. By mulching in your gardens, it saves hours weeding. Bring out a knee pad, gloves and clippers to weed. Use a box for all your garden tools.

A peg board can be used to hang all the yard tools that can be hung. It keeps things organized.

Only use water after 5:00 in summer months or, if you have sprinklers, at 6:00 in the morning, or after 5:00 at night. Work for twenty minutes and hydrate. Don't forget to feed and water your hanging plants! *Lisa Savage*



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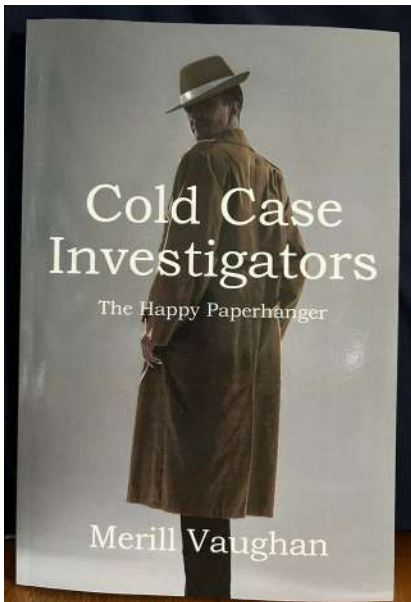
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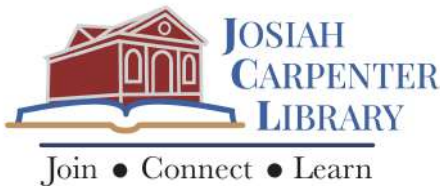
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SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays,

10am Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour

10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays,

12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

9am-Noon Pittsfield Historical Society

8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays,

12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays,

10am Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour

11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

8am-4pm Town Hall

Fridays,

8am-4pm Town Hall

Saturdays,

10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

4, Monday, 6:30pm American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 meeting, Town Hall

5, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

4pm PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer vs Somersworth, Drake Field

5pm Bingo and Burgers, Senior Center

6, Wednesday, 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

7, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board Meeting, PMHS

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

8, Friday, 4pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer vs Holy Family, Drake Field

9, Saturday, 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

8pm Pittsfield Players *Curtain Up: An Evening of Music*, Scenic Theatre

10, Sunday 1-4pm Museum Open, Pittsfield Historical Society

11, Monday, 6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

12, Tuesday, 6pm Select Board meeting, Town Hall

7:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Community Center

13, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

4pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer vs Wilton-Lyndeborough and Varsity Girls Soccer vs Epping, Drake Field

6:30pm "What Made Pittsfield Schools Different and Unique" and "Technology in the Schools and the Difference It Made," PMHS Lecture Hall hosted by Pittsfield Historical Society

14, Thursday, 7pm Planning Board meeting

18, Monday, 5:30pm Community Supper, First Congregational Church

19, Tuesday, 6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting, PES

20, Wednesday, 10:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

21, Thursday, 5:30pm New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project Presentation, PMHS

6:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS

23, Saturday, Noon Homecoming Weekend PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer vs Hinsdale, Drake Field

2pm PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer vs Hinsdale, Drake Field

25, Monday, 9am-3pm, VNA Senior Health Clinic, call 603-224-4093 ext 5815 for an appointment, Pittsfield Community Center

26, Tuesday, 6pm Select Board Meeting, Town Hall

27, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

4pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer vs Sunapee, Drake Field

28, Thursday, 7pm Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall

29, Friday, 4:30pm PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer vs Portsmouth Christian, Drake Field