

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will have neither one." - Benjamin Franklin

## Tom Adams



**Congratulations to Thomas Adams** who was promoted to Major, United States Air Force, on April 1, 2020. After graduating from Pittsfield Middle High School in 2006, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science and an Air Force commission from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2010; and then later a Master of Arts from American Military University. After recently returning from an overseas assignment in England, Tom, his wife, Jill, and son, Jason, have taken up residence in Maryland. Tom is currently assigned to the Pentagon, Washington D.C. as a Staff Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations. He is the senior of three active duty Air Force officers in the family. Both his parents, Lea and Steve Adams (of Pittsfield, NH), and his grandmother, Anne Kelleher (of Derry, NH), are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all "clear skies" ahead.

## Fond Memories and Good News

Lois Foss of Gilmanton, and a former Pittsfield resident, is one of a very special group who have had the pleasure of gathering each year for lunch with their First Grade teacher! With a lapse of only a few years when each pursued marriage and careers, 7 classmates (now 5) have enjoyed taking "Ms. Marison" out to lunch to reminisce about the days when they attended a small school in Northwood and "Ms. Marison" was their teacher. That school, The Grammar School of Northwood Ridge, had two rooms: one for Grades 1-4 and the other for Grades 4-8, so students were with one teacher for four years. Lois remembers that in the cold months of winter, hot soup was brought to the school in two kettles to provide sustenance and warmth.

Lois proudly says that Ms. Marison still lives independently in her own home and is sprightly and "sharp as a tack" at age **103**. She delights in sharing stories of old and hearing about the current activities of her former students.

This year, as restrictions of COVID19 are lessened, they look forward to another special luncheon date with each other.

## Ross Nickerso, Banjo Master Concert July 23, 2020

**Mark Your Calendar:** Ross Nickerson, banjo master, will present a concert featuring christian music at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Thursday, July 23, 6:30-7:30 pm. Love offering.

**NOT TO BRAG  
BUT I WAS  
WASHING MY HANDS  
BEFORE IT  
BECAME TRENDING**

**Town Crier** Andi Riel @ 435-6346  
[pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**Monday, July 13, 6pm @Town Beach**

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will meet at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area – (aka Town Beach).

**Thursday July 16, 5:30pm @PMHS lecture hall**

The School Board will meet with the request that participants follow social distancing guidelines when entering and exiting the meeting, as well as during the meeting itself.

**Tuesday July 21, 9-11am** The Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry at the First Congregational Church. Call 435-7471 when you arrive in the parking lot. Clients are not able to enter the Church at this time. Weather permitting, we will place your diapers and wipes in a bag with your name attached and place it on a table in the parking lot. Otherwise, we will bring the product to you. Please use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

**Tuesday July 28, 10am, Town Beach** The Josiah Carpenter Library/Pittsfield Senior Center Book Club will gather to talk about the books members are currently reading. Everyone is welcome to join us for some good conversation that will expand your reading horizons. Call 435-8406 or email [lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov) for more information.

Rain date is August 7.

**Drake Field** is currently being used and abused to a greater extent than it has experienced within memory. A significant amount of trash is being left on the field, in the grandstand, and at other locations on this wonderful jewel. You are respectfully requested to do what you can to maintain the beauty and inviting nature of Drake Field. Please pick up after yourself and take your trash with you....this includes dog messes!

**The Pittsfield Food Pantry**, located at 55 Barnstead Rd, will be open on Monday 11-2pm and 4-6pm, and on Thursday 11-2pm.

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop Food Pantry** hours have changed a bit – the Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5pm for PYW youth and their families. As always, if you have any special requests please feel free to reach out to Zach or Paula at 435-8272 or [info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](mailto:info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org)

**The Pittsfield Town Hall** is now open to the public. The following Operating Procedures have been implemented and are based on public health guidelines designed to keep our employees and the public safe.

**\*One person per open service window permitted in the lobby. \*Customers are asked to wear a mask. \*There is access to hand sanitizer in the lobby. \*Restrooms are closed to the public.**

**Hours:** Mon: 11am–7pm; Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8am - 4pm; and Wed: 1pm - 4pm.

**Note:** In order to minimize foot traffic, maximize social distancing, and reduce risk, you are encouraged to utilize our online services, mail, or drop box next to the Town Hall door.

Motor vehicle renewals, dog licenses, vital record requests, building permit payments, police citations, and tax and sewer payments may all be processed online, through the drop box, or mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Erica at [eanthony@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:eanthony@pittsfieldnh.gov) or Cara at [cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov) or call 603-435-6774

**What's Up At PYW?** Summer Registration!! Programming is a little different this summer, but our schedule will be interesting and fun for everyone (youth in grades 6 – 12). On July 7th, we plan to start with outdoor activities two days a week from 1pm until 5pm. We will continue our Virtual Programs on Wednesdays. As the summer progresses, we will take a look at options and make adjustments as needed. Go to [pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](http://pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org) to **REGISTER** for summer programs and activities! PYW staff will confirm your registration with a follow-up phone call several days before the program. We can offer only a limited number of spaces per activity and will place additional youth on the waiting list. A new schedule of activities will be emailed out every two weeks!

**Happy Birthday** wishes to my niece, Crystal Foster, on Saturday. I hope you have a wonderful day!

**Josiah Carpenter Library**  
**Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week**  
Talking: Take a walk outside. Talk about all you see.  
Point out and name things.

## **Congratulations to the 2020 Citizen of the Year! Cedric Dustin III**

Cedric has committed the last 36 years of his life to serving the town of Pittsfield in many ways. He has served as town moderator, budget committee chairman, Pittsfield Historical Society President, Rotarian, and current treasurer of the Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, to name a few. Our traditional Old Home Day parade has been canceled for this year, but a car parade is being planned in the coming weeks, with Cedric to be the lead. More information to come! Congratulations to Dr. Dustin – thank you for all you have done to make Pittsfield a better place to live!

### **Cook's Corner**



Whew, it's hot out there! Beat the heat with these cool salads. They're easy to put together, no cooking required, just a little chopping. And if you want to serve either chicken or fish alongside either of these, cook your "main" on the grill so you're not heating up the kitchen. Enjoy!

#### **Cucumber Salad with Sour Cream and Dill Dressing**

½ cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt  
2 Tbsp lemon juice  
2 Tbsp fresh dill, chopped, plus more for garnish  
Coarse salt & fresh ground pepper  
1 lb of cucumbers, halved lengthwise then thinly sliced crosswise

In a medium bowl, combine sour cream, lemon juice and dill. Season with salt & pepper; whisk to combine. Add cucumbers; gently toss to coat. Garnish with more dill.

Serve this ice cold on a hot summer day with a piece of grilled salmon or crab cakes, a few thick slices of juicy tomatoes on the side, and your favorite summertime adult beverage. This is also very tasty as a sandwich filler with either sliced deli ham or turkey. These cukes only keep for a day or two, so eat up!

#### **Orzo Salad with Spicy Buttermilk Dressing**

1 cup uncooked orzo or other small shaped pasta  
1 cup frozen corn kernels, thawed & drained  
12 cherry tomatoes, quartered  
3 green onions, sliced  
1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed  
¼ lowfat buttermilk  
3 Tbsp lime juice  
2 Tbsp light sour cream  
2 Tbsp mayonnaise  
1 tsp chili powder  
½ tsp salt  
¼ tsp ground black pepper  
¼ tsp ground red pepper  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
3 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro  
1 avocado, peeled, cut into 8 wedges  
1 Tbsp fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped

Cook the orzo or pasta per package directions. Drain and rinse. In a large bowl, toss the pasta with the corn, tomatoes, green onions and black beans.

Whisk together buttermilk and next 8 ingredients and 2 Tbsp of cilantro, in a small bowl. Drizzle the dressing over the pasta mixture. Top with avocado slices, parsley and remaining cilantro.

This salad is easy to double and it's great for a potluck. We like to serve this cold with either grilled chicken or beer-steamed shrimp.

#### **Historical Society Commemorative Bricks**

The Historical Society will soon be ordering the initial batch of commemorative bricks that will be used for the patio at the new building. These memorial bricks may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters to honor whomever you wish. Each brick costs \$100. If you would like to be included in this first order, please send in your request soon. Order forms may be found on our website: [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) or call the Society office at 603-435-8004, and we will send you an order form. Order forms are also available at the Post Office, the library, or at the current museum, 13 Elm Street.



## To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the House met again at UNH's hockey stadium, in the last scheduled session of the year. We will meet once more for the vetoes – there's one already and I expect more from this session.

We had to vote on House bills amended by the Senate, and all but two were omnibus bills collecting a large number of Senate bills, usually on somewhat related topics. Many representatives, including myself, were concerned that the usual process had been vastly shortchanged and that public input into these bills had not met our standards of transparency. Because of that, and because nearly all the omnibus bills had at least one unacceptable section, I voted against all of them. One, HB 1491, had come from my committee, and my chair made the only motion to not accept Senate amendments, citing the bulk of the amendment and the lack of time to analyze it properly!

The two single element bills were HB 685, an insurance mandate that abortion be considered a maternity benefit, and HB 731, an increase in the state minimum wage. Both passed (196-132 and 199-124) on a party line basis and are expected to be vetoed.

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

*Representative Carol McGuire*

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## Authors and Books by Bill Miskoe

### Across

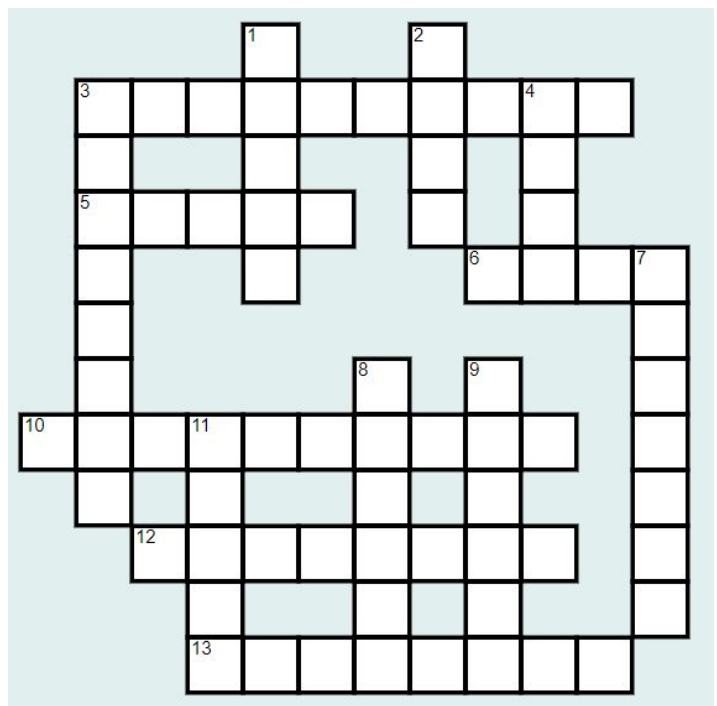
3. Sherlock Holmes
5. Alex Haley wrote it
6. Coming of Age in Samoa
10. Great Gatsby
12. .... O'Connor
13. Winesburg, Ohio

### Down

1. Inferno
2. Portnoy's Complaint
3. Created Miss Marple
4. Third Gospel
7. Sister Carrie
8. Burgess's wind-up fruit
9. American Coyote
11. Wife of 10-across

## Spot The Difference Puzzle

Can you find all the differences in these two scenes?  
Print and solve this Fairy Tale spot the difference puzzle!



## *Introducing a serial tale by a local author!*

### **Against His Will**

By Apen Monicoeur

There was a slight flutter of curtain in the window's corner, Jeannette noticed, as she made her way up the brick walkway. No doubt it was the subject of her meeting taking a precursory peek at her through the lace. When Jeannette reached the front door of the brick house, she heard a scuffle of shoes behind it. She raised her hand to knock. The door swung open and a small boned old woman stood slightly stooped over, wringing her hands together in what Jeannette perceived to be out of habitual nervousness.

"Mrs. Clough?"

"Yes, yes. Do come in, won't you?" The woman replied. She opened her frail arms wide and stepped aside to allow Jeannette room to pass through the entryway.

"I've set on the tea," the woman stated, leading the way into her kitchen. "You will have a cup, no?"

"I should like some, thank you." Jeannette said, shucking off her light jacket and hanging it off the ladder back kitchen chair.

The old woman busied herself gathering cups and saucers, and laying out a plate of Lorne Doone cookies on a small, chipped plate.

"It is all a terrible mess, now isn't it?" She sighed.

Jeannette made a small noise in the back of her throat. Perhaps this interview would go a lot easier than she thought. She had imagined the woman to be more of a recluse and reticent in her nature, but there she was again, making presumptions.

"Paul...well, Mr. Parson, he was a tidy man." Mrs. Clough said.

Jeannette sipped her tea. Years of experience had taught her that sometimes to get to the answers you want, you just have to sit and wait patiently. Her interested silence provoked Mrs. Clough to fill its empty pauses.

"There's a will, you know." Mrs. Clough seemed to perk up a bit. "Paul... he told me that he had it redone not but a few weeks ago."

The old woman shook her head.

"To think," she sipped at her tea and her thoughts wandered out the window to the property abutting her

own. Her eyes rested on the garden trellis overgrown with feral climbing rose bushes.

"To think?" Jeannette encouraged when the silence became overbearing. She wanted the old woman to continue her chain of thought and not lose herself on a trip down memory lane.

"To think that he had all that money," Mrs. Clough turned back and looked Jeannette directly in the eyes. She was struck by their sharp blueness, tinged with flecks of gold around the irises.

"So you never knew he was a millionaire?"

Mrs. Clough slapped the table with the flat of her hand and laughed out loud.

"Good lord, I should say not!"

Jeannette allowed herself to smile at the old woman's mirth.

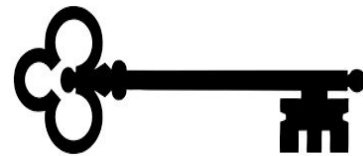
"Now he's got all these gosh darn hypocritical bottom feeders coming out from under their rocks trying to lay a claim to his fortune. When he was alive and thought of as nothing more than an ill-tempered, poor and needy old man, nobody paid him no mind."

Jeannette could hear the ticking of the mantel clock behind her while Mrs. Clough closed her eyes.

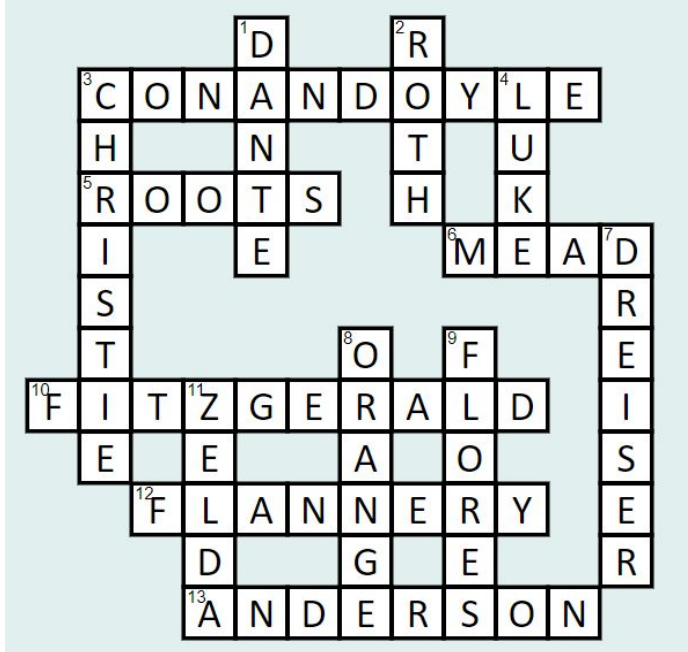
"But Paul was a kind and humble man," Mrs. Clough continued. Jeannette saw a spark in the elder's eyes, the gold coming to life around their edges.

"So you've known him for a while," Jeannette prodded.

"All my life," the old woman whispered. Her pale hand crept up to her throat where delicately she fingered an old skeleton key that dangled from a chain around her neck. (to be continued next week...)



## Authors and Books Answers



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