

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"Believe you can and you're halfway there" – *Theodore Roosevelt*



## **PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (SAU 51) HIRES INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**

On August 20th the Pittsfield School Board voted unanimously to hire Dr. John Graziano of Plymouth, Massachusetts to serve as Interim Superintendent for the 2020- 2021 school year. His first day was August 26th. John comes with a wealth of experience as a Teacher, Coach, School Psychologist, Principal, and Superintendent of Schools. John currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Psychology at Quincy College.

25 of his 39 years in public education have been spent in New Hampshire Schools. "I'm excited to be back in NH working for a school district that is committed to providing quality education to students, families, and community." John has family in New Hampshire, his temporary residence is in the greater Concord area.

## **Recipe Round-Up – Soups, Stews & Chilis**

Beautiful Fall days and crisp Autumn evenings are right around the corner, perfect weather for a hearty bowl of homemade deliciousness. We know you all have recipes for soups, stews and chilis and we'd like to publish your favorites over the coming weeks.

Please send your recipes to us at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) Please also include your contact information in case we need to reach you. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

## **Halloween Fun**

The *Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission* is working on a plan for celebrating Halloween to replace Harvest Fest this year. We are planning to give out sugar pumpkins on October 17 from 12-4 and then you can return them carved to the Recreation Area on October 24 for display the week before Halloween. We are also planning a "Give out a Treat" parade on the 24th if we can work out the details. In addition, we are planning an online costume contest where parents can submit pictures of their children in their Halloween costume. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. If any other groups in town would like to join us for these fun activities, please contact Minny Plante at 603 290-4068. Watch for more information as these dates get closer. We will send flyers out from school and will also post it on the Parks and Rec Facebook page.

## **Help make the *Post* even more Stupendous**

The *Post* volunteers enjoy bringing Pittsfield weekly news about our village, and we would be glad to share the fun. No matter what your age, talents, or interests may be, we're sure you can contribute. Do you enjoy examining sentence structure? You could proofread the rough draft. Photography your passion? Send us some of your best shots. Have you heard an interesting community update; let us know. Are you an artist or writer; you can share your creations. If you enjoy website design, social media, or digital design - we've got that, too. The *Post* volunteers meet once a month to coordinate our activities. If you would like to learn more, our next meeting is 10am on Friday, September 25 at the Town Beach gazebo on Clark Street. Please drop by and meet the team.

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**September 22, Tuesday 10am**

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

**PES Students** – Mr. Curtin has lots of backpacks if you need one. There are also some helmets for the bike riders too. Please contact him at school.

**Senior Health Clinics** are being scheduled at the Pittsfield Community Center on the 4th Monday of each month 9am – 3pm – VNA Senior Health Clinic, upstairs above the senior center. Please call 224-4093 ext. 5815 to make an appointment.

The **Food Pantry** is available to anyone needing some help. The Food Pantry is located at 55 Barnstead Road, Bay 6 (near Joy Church).

**Hours:** Monday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Thursday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Please call 435-7300 if you need other information.

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/](http://www.huffnpuff.info/)

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Paula Martel and Tara Ash on Wednesday and to Louie Houle on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day! **Happy Anniversary** wishes to my sister & brother-in-law, Robin & Fred Blais on Thursday.

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Sing "Now it's bath time, now it's bath time, yes, it is"  
to the tune of "Frere Jaques."



**Tina Marie (Vien) Waddle**

Tina Marie (Vien) Waddle, 60, of Pittsfield, passed away on September 5, 2020 at Concord Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A lifelong Pittsfield resident, Tina was the daughter of the late Alpha "Scuffy" and Jeannette (Rollins) Vien. She was raised and educated in Pittsfield and was a graduate of Pittsfield High School Class of 1979.

Prior to her illness, she worked in Quality Control at Globe Manufacturing. Tina enjoyed crocheting, watching westerns, cooking and baking. She enjoyed being outside and especially playing with her grandson, Johnny. Her Christian faith remained an integral part of her life.

She was predeceased by her siblings: Ronald Vien, Richard "Pete" Vien, Brenda Gadwah and Gloria Mullen.

Tina is survived by her beloved husband, H. Scott Waddle of Pittsfield; her two children: Scott Waddle and his fiancé Sarah Lee of Laconia and Sarah Umlauf and her husband John of Pittsfield. She was the grandmother to Abigail, Amanda, Matthew and John. She is also survived by her sister Linda Turner of Chesapeake, VA, her brother, Ed Vien and his wife Laurie of Pittsfield as well as many nieces and nephews. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit [www.stilloaks.com](http://www.stilloaks.com)

## Against His Will Part Ten of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

Daylight broke. Jeannette moved her head to the side and tried to lick her lips. They were dry and parched, and the sun coming in through her window was hurting her still closed eyes. She heard a dripping faucet and strained her ears for any other sounds. A fly buzzed about the window in attempts to free itself. She was still fully clothed.

She peered about and instantly recognized her own apartment. She was alone.

Jeannette pushed herself up to her elbows and looked around. Nothing appeared missing or out of place.

Had her attacker last night carried her back here and gently put her to bed?

Her head pounded and she headed towards the leaking faucet to get a glass of water. Her throat welcomed the water as it soothed its way down. She set the glass in the sink and turned.

That's when she noticed the letter.

On her table lay a sealed envelope addressed to her next to a bottle of red wine. She sat down and opened the note.

*"Dear Miss Bassett,*

*We would like to offer you our apologies on behalf of the Parson family.*

*It is our understanding that you have been interested in writing about our circumstances, and all that we've been able to do is illustrate how terrible we can be towards one another.*

*My father's death has struck me very deeply, despite having a very difficult relationship with him on account of my lifestyle. It comes as no surprise to me that he has been poisoned.*

*I am sure that your involvement will prove rather entertaining, but it is our opinion that attempting to find out any answers will only bring you harm and ill fortune. It certainly is a complicated mess, and one best left to law enforcement.*

*You may have learned by now that we are defaulted on our loan, but have every intention of paying back the estate.*

*Please take care of yourself and accept this bottle of wine from our winery,*

*Signed Cameron Parson and Alberto Mendez*

Jeannette set the letter down and studied the bottle of wine. The label bore a centaur wielding a sword above it's head in a relief against a background of grapes. Fancy scroll spelled out the name: "Parson Mendez Wines".

She removed the cork and poured a taste into her coffee mug.

Who cares, she thought. It's five o'clock somewhere.

The last 24 hours had been rife with so many strange events, and her brain was still trying to catch up to all that she had seen and heard, and all that had happened to her. Wine was the perfect thought juice at the moment.

Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. wanted her to find the missing will. James was drawing her in with his smooth smile and caring demeanor. Now Cameron and Alberto were writing her letters with warnings, and giving her wine which, by the way, settled nicely onto her tongue and went down smoothly. She poured herself another mugful and lifted it to her mouth.

She froze. How did they get into her apartment to leave the note and the bottle of wine? Who had attacked her last night? Why were they so concerned about her safety and digging more into their lives? What were they trying to hide?

What loan were they referring to?

And how did they know that their father was poisoned?

Jeannette put the mug of wine down on the table and pushed it away.

She debated whether she should call her policeman boyfriend, Trace, to tell him about last night's attack, but decided not to. He was already going about town with the new receptionist, so what would he care about her welfare?

Jeannette decided to take a shower and shake off her nerves.

She had a visit to go pay.

No matter what anybody said.

## Hc`DJHqZYX`JchYfg:

Do you think NH should have a living minimum wage so lower wage workers can afford rent/mortgage, food, transportation. I DO! Our Legislature passed such a bill (HB 731) by votes of 199 yeas and 124 nays in the house and 14 yeas and 10 nays in the senate. None of your state house reps voted in favor of the bill! The bill would have raised the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour (NH follows federal guidelines) to \$10 per hour in 2021 and \$12 per hour in 2023. The bill was vetoed by Gov Sununu (who has received several significant pay raises himself since taking office). It will be up for an override vote (2/3 majority needed to override the governor's veto) on September 16. Please pay attention to that vote – do your representatives really have your best interests in mind? *Miriam Cahill-Yeaton*

### String of Words Puzzle #3

Fill it 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.

Space \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Light

Light \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Gain

Gain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bomb

Bomb \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tire

Tire \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Man

Man in \_\_\_\_\_ (Answers on page 6)

## Cook's Corner Tomato Soup



Treat yourself to a pot of homemade tomato soup, you deserve it. Although this recipe calls for butter, there is no other dairy, but you won't believe how creamy it is. For a fun twist make a **Croque Monsieur** – put ½ cup of egg substitute and ½ cup of milk in a bowl and whisk, then make a ham & cheese sandwich (with a little mustard and mayo), dip the sandwich in the egg mixture, then grill in a pan sprayed with cooking spray until the sammies are golden brown.

- 4 Tbsps butter (1/2 stick) use real butter
- 2 Tbsps olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- Coarse salt and fresh ground pepper
- ¼ cup all purpose flour
- 3 Tbsps tomato paste
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme (or ½ tsp dried)
- 2 cans chicken broth (14.5 oz size)
- 2 cans whole peeled tomatoes with juice (28 oz )
- Cayenne pepper – a dash
- 3 or 4 fresh basil leaves (to taste)

In a large pot, melt butter, add oil and onion, season with salt & pepper. Cook until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.

Stir in flour and tomato paste, cook for 1 minute.

Add thyme, broth and tomatoes breaking up tomatoes with your fingers. Add a dash of cayenne pepper.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes; if using thyme sprigs, remove them now.

Add fresh basil leaves, if using

Let the mixture cool a little, then working in batches, blend until smooth in a blender. You can also use an immersion blender, but a regular blender works fine. Just remove the cap at the top of the blender lid, cover the lid with a dish towel so it doesn't splatter all over the place.

Although this recipe calls for butter, there is no other dairy, but you won't believe how "creamy" this soup is. Sometimes we serve this with a simple salad of baby greens, thin sliced red onion, dash of balsamic & oil, a handful of dried fruit and a few walnuts or cashews. We also enjoy this soup with flatbread pizza, or you can never go wrong with a classic grilled cheese sammie! *MP Christakos*



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