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The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. *DeAnn Hollis* 

July 19, 2023

# CONGRATULATIONS Leslie and Harry Vogt Pittsfield 2023 Citizens of the Year

Moving to Pittsfield in the early 1980's both Leslie and Harry have been involved community members – volunteering countless hours with many organizations and events.

Leslie has been active in the Library, serving on the Board of Trustees before becoming the Library Director; in the school as a School Board member, working on a grant focusing on the advisory model, working on the committee to evaluate the feasibility of outsourcing our high school students, and most recently was elected to the School District Treasurer in 2023. She has volunteered for many school district committees and is always working for the betterment of educating our students. She was the manager of the Pittsfield Senior Center for a number of years and in that capacity worked with many local groups including Pittsfield Youth Workshop. She has been a volunteer during town voting events for many years. When the Suncook Valley Sun closed, Leslie was instrumental in the development of the Pittsfield Post. She researched how to publish the newsletter, contacted volunteers to work on the newsletter and continues to be a vital member of the group that publishes The Post each week.

Harry is also a former School Board member. He has served on the Foss Scholarship Committee. He has been an active member of the Historical Society, a former Rotarian and currently volunteers with Granite State Ambassadors. Harry helps with the Pittsfield Post when needed. He has served on a number of town committees – including the Budget Committee, Housing Ordinance Committee, Website Committee and was a member of the Board of Trustee for Trust Funds.



Harry and Leslie are active members of the First Congregational Church and have held church officer positions. I think he helps with the maintenance and winding of the Town Clock. They have both been key members of the Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee for many years.

From the nomination letters received, the words used to describe them are friendly, dedicated, leader, and a great asset to our town. We are so happy that you chose to move to Pittsfield to raise your family and that you have been so involved in all aspects of the Community.

Congratulations Leslie and Harry on being selected as the 2023 Pittsfield Citizens of the Year and thank you for all you have done and all you still do to help make Pittsfield a better place to live!

## **Town Crier**

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

**Pittsfield Old Home Day is HERE! Saturday, July 22**. The theme of the day is "Red, White & Blue- It's All Up to You!" **Please note: Main Street will be closed from 8am to 2pm on Sat, July 22 for Old Home Day.** 

The Cook-Off for this year will be **VERY BERRY COOK-OFF**. Still time to enter! Submit your BEST Berry Dessert and bring it to the 4-H Booth at Dustin Park by 8:45am on Sat, July 22.

See below and see more on page 8.

The Pittsfield High School **ALL CLASS REUNION** is Sat, July 22. Join us at the high school, Oneida Street, from 2-5pm for light refreshments and a self guided tour of the school. A chicken BBQ will be held 5:30-7pm - \$10 pp, open to the public.

Help build library Old Home Day parade float. What better way to celebrate our summer reading theme, "All Together Now," than by everyone working together to complete a library float for the Pittsfield Old Home Day Parade!?!?! Visit the library and be a part of this community collaboration! Open Mondays and Thursdays, 10am-6pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30-6pm; and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

The **Senior Center** is open again!! We will be open on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8am–1pm.** The Current 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. 11:15am: 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.

**Balloon Rally Weekend** is **Aug 4, 5 & 6.** Volunteers are needed – we can't do this without you! Please visit <u>https://suncookvalleyrotary.org</u> to sign up to help. The boat ramp at Drake Field will be closed from Friday August 4 through Sunday August 6 during the Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally. The ramp is closed for public safety reasons and in cooperation with NH Fish and Game.

**4-H Victory Workers Cow Chip Bingo** being held **Sunday, Aug 6** at 9am, during Balloon Rally at Drake Field. \$500 at First Drop! Proceeds to benefit Victory Workers 4-H Club. Tickets are: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For information or tickets, call Pam Clattenburg 603-435-0772 or Melissa Babcock 603-496-3928.

**"Anything That Floats River Raft Regatta Race"** will be held on **Sat, Aug. 5**, during Balloon Rally Weekend, at 12:30pm at the Barnstead Rd. boat launch. Visit https://form.jotform.com/231816645151151 to see the rules and sign up! Must be at least 13 years old. CASH prizes for the winners (1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$50)

PES PTO **Cornhole Tournament** will be held on **Sat**, **Aug. 5** (Balloon Rally Weekend) at 1pm at the Drake Field Tennis Courts. There are 2 tournaments – "The Backyard Bag Toss," \$25 registration cost, cash prizes to 1st & 2nd winners; and "League Champs Compete," \$50 registration cost per team, cash prizes to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd winners. Registration is at noon – please email PTO@sau51.org or Scoreholio App. *Thank you to our sponsors from the Globe Community Fund*.

**Drake Field Summer Recreation Program** is open **thru Aug. 4.** The program is FREE for grades 1-8. There are lots of great things happening this year. On Mondays & Wednesdays (8am -12) – games, sports, arts and crafts, activities, guest speakers, as well as the library coming to Drake Field. On Tuesdays & Thursdays – lots of field trips are planned. Some of the field trips are free and some will have a nominal charge. On Fridays – spend the morning at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool/Beach). For more information, please contact Louise Sawyer at 267-6733.

**Pittsfield Beautification Committee** is in need of additional volunteer help. The commitment is about one hour per day (or every other day) for one or possibly two weeks from June to the end of August. It's a great group of friendly volunteers. If you're interested and feel you can help, please contact MaryPat Christakos at mpc7717@gmail.com

**Dowboro Farm Farmstand is OPEN!** The kids from the Victory Workers 4-H club and others have brought back some of your favorite items and have some new surprises, too! Stop in at 615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield. Hours are Thurs thru Sat, 9:30am-6pm & Sun – 10:30am-4pm.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library's** new Storywalk is ready...."A Small Thing....But Big." Starting on Main St., grab a map in the mailbox at Dustin Park and follow the story around town. When you're finished the walk/story, stop by the library when we're open to get

#### your free gift!

**Non-Red Cross swimming lessons** will be offered at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area. The second Session will be **July 31- August 11.** The cost for swimming lessons for Pittsfield residents will be \$15 per child per session. The cost for non-residents will be \$30. For more information, please call 603-290-4068 or 435-7457(during hours of operation)

Hanging Flower Baskets have been installed. The small group of volunteers continue to care for the flowers. If you would like to help out this effort, we would appreciate a donation to offset the cost of flowers, soil and supplies. Checks may be mailed to Pittsfield Hanging Basket Fund, C/O Donna Keeley, 256 True Road, Pittsfield.

**Globe Community Fund**. If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. Funds are still available for 2023! For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Pittsfield Players "Curtain Up: An Evening of Music," directed by Catherine Martinez and produced by Josh Crowell-Gregoire, will be a musical medlev evening with wonderful talent/musicians, as we raise funds to pay for our recently installed HVAC! Donations are being accepted NOW and will be counted towards our goal of \$50,000. Thank you to those who have already donated. Please donate by visiting our website www.pittsfieldplayers.org or mail a check with "HVAC Donation" written on the Memo to - The Pittsfield Players, PO BOX 177, Pittsfield, NH 03263. \*\*\* Auditions are Sunday, July 30th at 6pm, located at the Scenic Theater, for ONE NIGHT ONLY. Please register to audition on our website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org. If you cannot make auditions but would like to participate in the event, contact Catherine at general@pittsfieldplayers.org

**Pittsfield Historical Society** continues to raise funds for the commemorative gardens. The "BUY-A-BRICK" affords an opportunity for you to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or anyone you wish to remember. The bricks cost \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x 8" brick. Stop by at the museum, 4 Oak St, to see the current garden and the surrounding grounds. Please visit <u>www.pittsfieldhistory.com</u> for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 603-435-8004.

2023 PMHS Summer Athletic Offerings: Girls Soccer, Tues / Thurs 9am - 11am at Drake Field, Coach Cheney doug.cheney1@gmail.com \*\* Girls Hoop, Mon / Wed 4pm-6pm at PMHS, Coach LaRoche Ilaroche@sau51.org \*\* Boys Soccer, Mon / Wed 5pm-6:30pm at Drake Field, Coach Brooks dombrooks07@gmail.com \*\* Boys Hoop, Tuesdays 6:30pm-8pm at PMHS, Coach Darrah jaydarrah@sau51.org \*\* Girls Softball, Tuesday 5pm-6:30pm at Tilton Hill, Coach Bilodeau gordonbilodeau@tds.net Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate. All scheduled events are subject to weather and the heat index.

**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 <u>www.target.com/circle</u>

**Happy Birthday** wishes to my niece, Crystal Riel Foster on Tues, and to Margaret Towle on Thurs. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Doug & Lynn Wolfe on Wed, and to Peter & Heather Tuttle on Sat.



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#### **Pittsfield Remembered**

Pittsfield holds many memories for me. I grew up in Barnstead, but my Dad and many of his brothers worked in Pittsfield. I attended Pittsfield High School and grew up in so many ways as a result of the staff there. I went on to college with skills I needed to succeed.

I spent hours playing at the grain store, Merrimack Farmers, and enjoyed being part of the activity there. I worked at Green's Drug Store where my Uncle Alfred was the pharmacist and local humorist. My Uncle Fred worked at the Tannery and my Uncle Felix worked at the liquor store. My mother worked at the shoe shop and my Aunt Odna worked at the drugstore. Most of my cousins also went to Pittsfield High. I remember ice cream at Green's, haircuts at Buster's, church, the Scenic Theatre, Hemeon's, Barney's, the Five and Dime, and on and on. It was a great place to transition into adulthood.

Each time I read the *Post* or drive through Pittsfield I am grateful for all the town provided for me and my family, and for my friends. *Richard A. Jenisch* 



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#### Dear Crabby:

It used to be that when I went to the doctor I got to read old magazines while I waited. But these days the waiting room provides nothing. It's as if Covid wiped out our ability to read. Instead, I'm required to fill out long questionnaire forms. How should I deal with this new nuisance? *SICK of IT* 

#### Dear Sick of It:

You are not alone. When I go to a medical clinic I get the same request. Here's how I deal with the questions: I start by writing across the top of the form that I am a paid consultant and my time filling in the rest of the form will be billed at \$150/hr or part thereof. Next, there is the stuff about addresses, phone numbers, shoe size and who to call if I don't survive the visit. I ignore this part. The medical establishment already knows much more than that about me, or I wouldn't have been let through the doorway for fear of not getting paid.

Then there's the long list of ailments that they want to know if I have. I ignore this too. Fact is I'm there to be told what's wrong. Medical diagnosis is not a DIY project for me. Farther on are questions about my association with tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances and risky social behaviour. I skip this part. Nothing to be gained by reveling in the past. And at the end are questions about my relatives. I'm asked to list all of them and how they died. As if that had anything to do with why I am still living. I do it as well as I can. My siblings are easy – two brothers still alive in witness protection somewhere, and a sister who after three gender identification crises, declared herself a mermaid and was last seen swimming through the Buttermilk Channel off Manhattan, on the Governor's

Island side. My parents were so conventionally boring that they were dead for three years before anyone noticed. I list them as a statistical dead end. My grandparents are quite murky, so I avoid hard facts. I describe one grandfather as executed by the Foreign Legion for desertion, and mention another who died at age 93 after some sort of refusal to participate in a shotgun marriage. A grandmother who died at age 7 while going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, I describe as having died in confinement. This is how I deal with medical clinic questions, and I recommend you try it too. Have fun, be creative; odds are no one ever reads what you submit anyway. *Crabby* 

### Cook's Corner

#### Cowboy Pasta Salad – Dinner Worthy!

Here's a fun twist on the proverbial pasta salad. This one is so hearty, it's truly dinner worthy. I like to serve this as a main dish on a hot summer evening and when I do, it's served warm or at room temperature. If serving for dinner, put out some sour cream, your favorite salsa, and some pickled jalapenos for topping. Cornbread muffins are a fun side too. One of my daughters likes to add shredded lettuce to this dish. You might try that as well. Enjoy! *MP Christakos* 

Kosher or coarse salt

16 oz farfalle pasta (bow tie shaped)

1&1/2 lbs ground beef (or a mix of ground beef and sausage)

2 tsp taco seasoning mix

Fresh ground black pepper

1/3 cup olive oil

3 TBSP lime juice

1/2 to 1 tsp ground cumin

1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained & rinsed

1 (15 oz) can corn, drained

2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

4 scallions, thinly sliced

In a large pot of boiling and salted water, cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Drain and transfer to a large bowl.

Meanwhile, season beef with taco seasoning, salt & pepper. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef until no longer pink. Drain excess fat.

In a small bowl or liquid measuring cup, whisk oil, lime juice and cumin; season with salt & pepper. Pour over the pasta and toss to combine.

Add beef, beans, corn and tomatoes to pasta and toss well to combine. Fold in cheese and scallions.

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#### Homemade Ant Spray

This is a public service announcement. With all the rain we've had, I don't know about you, but we have an ongoing ant problem at our house. Those tiny little pesky ants keep coming around. Here's a homemade ant spray that is definitely pet friendly and definitely works. I use this to spray the door jamb of our sliding glass door as well as the area behind my kitchen faucet (where I typically find the ants). I usually spray at night, once people and pets are in for the evening. Try it out, hopefully it will work well for you, too. *MP Christakos* 

2 cups vinegar (cider or white, either is fine) 2 TBSP liquid dish soap, such as Dawn 2 TBSP baking soda Water

1 large spray bottle

Combine vinegar, dish soap and baking soda in a large bowl and stir well to combine. Transfer the mixture to a large spray bottle, fill the rest of the bottle with water. Spray affected areas.

#### An Alternative Choice in Education

For the last year and a half I have witnessed some wonderful people increasing educational diversity and choice in our state. A lot of work, time, energy, and love have been put into this effort. I am grateful to be approaching the fall season when Benjamin Franklin Academy will be open for its first year. Benjamin Franklin Academy is a local chartered public school FREE to any resident in New Hampshire and is currently accepting applications for grades 6-8 and will grow each year into a high school.

So far this summer they have secured a wonderful, experienced teaching staff and have made huge renovations to the campus in Loudon. The Board of Trustees has been diligently working to make sure their mission and purpose is fulfilled. If you are interested in learning more about the school you can email the school directly at info@benjaminfranklin.academy Or visit the website benjaminfranklin.academy Gratefully, Jaime Koladish

The Post Volunteers are savoring summer...

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#### Suncook Valley Rotary 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Suncook Valley Rotary is pleased to announce the 2023 scholarship recipients who embody our motto of "Service Above Self" in their communities. Each student will receive \$500 to assist with higher education expenses.

#### Annabelle Cote, Pittsfield

My name is Annabelle Cote and I am a graduating senior at Pittsfield Middle High School. In the fall, I will be attending New England College to study nursing. I enjoy being a part of my church, skiing and spending time outdoors. I look forward to all that awaits me in my future career of nursing.

#### Ella Misiaszek, Barnstead

Ella Misiaszek is a Prospect Mountain High School 2023 graduate. She made an impact in the classroom, athletics and in the community. She earned her Nurse Assistant license prior to graduation and is looking forward to making an impact in the nursing department at the University of New Hampshire.

#### Turabumukiza Marie Grace, Chichester

My name is Turabumukiza Marie Grace. I was born in Tanzania and raised in Concord, New Hampshire, for most of my life. However, I currently reside in Chichester. When not doing schoolwork, I love to cook, snowboard, dance, and sing. If someone were to grant me one wish, it would be to travel around the world, visiting exciting places and devouring new foods. Besides living a successful life, one of my goals is to give back to my community and help people in need.

#### Madelyn Penfield, Barnstead

Madelyn Penfield of Barnstead is a senior at Prospect Mountain High School who is involved with volleyball. She attends Lakes Region Technology Center for the Health Science program. She has achieved her LNA license through this program. Madelyn will be continuing her education in the nursing program at NHTI.

#### Lauren Gardner, Loudon

My name is Lauren Gardner and I am part of the Merrimack Valley High School class of 2023. I am an active member of 4-H and FFA and I also am a puppy raiser for the Guide Dog Foundation. I plan on attending SUNY Cobleskill and studying wildlife management. After college, I hope to become a game warden.

#### **Taylor Davis, Loudon**

Taylor Davis is a senior at Merrimack Valley High School from Loudon. She plans on studying Gender and Women's Studies following the pre-dental track, taking what she learns to create a safe welcoming space for all her patients. She's excited for college and will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club was founded in 1947 as Pittsfield Rotary Club. In 2014, the club was expanded to serve Epsom, Chichester, Loudon and Barnstead, in addition to Pittsfield. The club sponsors the annual Hot Air Balloon Rally, Penny Sale, and other community events to support service to its communities. To learn more about Suncook Valley Rotary Club, visit <u>https://suncookvalleyrotary.org/</u>



#### Lyman Park

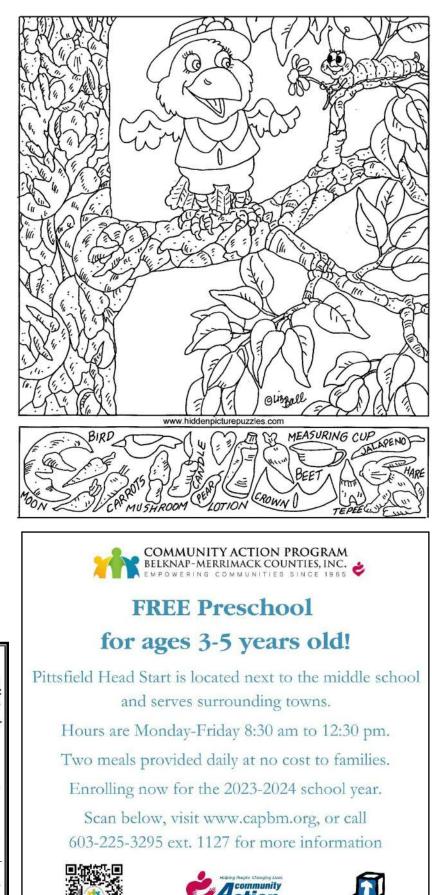
Thanks to some dedicated volunteers and to Jeff Huntington of Pleasant View Nursery in Loudon, Lyman Park has been recently weeded, mulched, mowed, trimmed, planted, and now looks marvelous. Pleasant View donated the many plants that grace the walkways and terrace, and volunteers cleared away the winter debris, planted and mulched. Joe Darrah and crew have assumed the task of mowing during the summer, and other volunteers will be weeding and watering. With professional quarterly lawn maintenance, we hope to revitalize the grass.

However, we really need your help now. Despite the misconception of some citizens, **Lyman Park is <u>not</u> a dog park.** This quiet little gem is the hub of Pittsfield's Historic Trail and is maintained for that purpose by Pittsfield Historical Society members and volunteers. Even if you are diligent about 'cleaning up' after your pooch, the urine will always kill the grass. We all love our dogs, and we all understand that 'walking' acreage is not abundant in town but, please, keep your dogs out of the park so everyone can enjoy it.

Thank you for your cooperation. *Pittsfield Historical Society* 

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# Pittsfield Old Home Day & All Class Reunion SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023 Red, White & Blue ... it's all up to you!"

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 22** 11:00 am Main St will be closed from 8am - 2pm BREAKFAST at the Fire Station - Cost by Donation 7:00 am -10:00 am (pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, drink) DUSTIN PARK 9:00 am Park Street Baptist Church Booth Coffee & Baked Goods St. Stephen's Church Sidewalk Cafe -Joe's Famous Hot Dogs and More VENDOR CRAFT FAIR 12:00 -Over 50 vendors, crafters, businesses and non-profits 3:00 pm \* Kids Games \* Bubble Station \* Bike Decorating (for kids bike parade) 1:00 pm FACE PAINTING · CARICATURE ARTIST VERY BERRY BAKEOFF 9:00 am Sponsored by Victory Workers 4-H 3:00 pm Public Invited - Cash Prizes for Winning Entries \$1 for Tasting and Voting 9:00 am -CAR SHOW ON MAIN STREET 10:30 am All are invited to bring their classic, vintage, hot rod car or truck. No entry fee - cars and trucks are invited to 2:00 join in the parade 5:00 pm 9:00 am -**MUSIC by Jackie Lee** 10:30 am 9:00 am -JUJUBEE THE CLOWN - Balloon Twister 11:00 am On-site making FREE balloon art for kids 5:30 -9:00 am -HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OPEN - Oak Street 7:00 pm 1:00 pm Stop in and check out all the great local artifacts 10:00 am -TOURS OF "OLD, PAST SCHOOLS" 1:00 pm Pittsfield Academy (now PYW, Masonic Lodge) The Memorial School (now Police Station) The Grammar School (now Town Hall) Will be open for tours. Stop in and check out your old classrooms! The Scenic Theatre (with A/C) will be open 7:30 pm for an Open House before and after the parade \*\* Also look for us after the parade at 4 different historical locations portraying characters from Pittsfield's past. \*\* 8:00 pm 10:30 am - MUSIC by Don Smith 10:45 am - KIDS BIKE PARADE - Main Street Decorate your bike, scooter or wagon on your own (or DUSK decorations will be available at the Kids Games Area) Approx. Bring a chair or blanket Bring to Main St at 10:30 for the Parade.

Prizes for top 3 winners!!

PARADE Red, White and Blue... it's all up to you!"

\*\* Route Change \*\* Start Broadway - Main St. - Elm St. Depot St. - Cross Catamount and end at Broadway. Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year - Decorated Floats **Fire Trucks** 

#### THE FUN CONTINUES!!!!

12 - 5PM ·	F.B. ARGUE RECREATION AREA	Town Pool)

COOKOUT - \$5/person - one burger/cheeseburger, chips, drink - \$3/person - one hotdog, chips, drink FREE SWIM LITTLE RED WAGON THEATRE GROUP presents "Molly McFolly & the Littlest Leprechaun" Sponsored in part by Northway Bank DUCK RACE! Sponsored by and money raised for the PMHS Girls Basketball Program. \$5 per Duck or 3 for \$10. One prize for 1/2 the money collected. 500 Ducks are waiting! For tickets, contact: Coach Logan LaRoche llaroche@sau51.org PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION HELD AT THE PITTSFIELD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL All Alumni and Classmates that attended any of the Pittsfield Schools are invited (along with their families) Meet & Greet Light Refreshments . Tour of PMHS . Visit with Classmates **CHICKEN BBQ - Under the Tent at PES** Everyone Invited - Open to the Public - Tiede Smokehouse providing BBQ Chicken-Pulled Pork-Potato Salad-Green Salad-Beans-Dessert-Drink \$10/pp - Advanced tickets required. Limited tickets available for purchase at Dustin Park prior to parade or at the Reunion. ······ DRAKE FIELD ······ PITTSFIELD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION National Anthem sung by Kathy Kelley NEVERS BAND CONCERT Bring a chair or blanket and join us by the Tennis Courts for a great concert! FIREWORKS

9:15 pm