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"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." - L. M. Montgomery - *Anne of Green Gables*



Photo by Lois Giegerich

Parks and Rec Halloween Festivities

Wondering about Harvest Fest? The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission has decided that because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be doing a big get together activity like we have sponsored the past few years. We have some activities planned in place of that day.

On October 17 from 10am-2pm, we will be handing out sugar pumpkins at the FB Argue Recreation Area. You will be able to take the pumpkins home to carve. The PES PTO will be supplying carving kits for each family. We are hoping that many of you will bring them back to the area on October 24 for display the week before Halloween. We will provide tea lights for the pumpkins on display and will light them several nights of the following week. We ask that people wear masks and practice social distancing.

On October 24 we will be at the Recreation Area from 10am-2pm to accept the jack-o-lanterns that will be put on display. At 2:00 we will begin a "Throw a Treat" parade following a route similar to the route that the teacher's parade took last June, with a few changes. We are hoping to see lots of costumes along our route and we will be giving out bags of candy. Here is the parade route:

Clark St. to Oneida St., left onto Manchester St., right onto Tilton Hill Rd., right onto Wildwood Dr. (around the loop), left back onto Tilton Hill Rd., right at the fork on to Catamount Rd. (Family Dollar), left onto Carroll St., left onto South Main St. (at Citizens Bank) to

Dowboro Rd., right on Quail Ridge Rd. (around the loop), left back onto Dowboro Rd. to South Main St., continue down Main St. (past Dustin Park), right on Chestnut St. (before yellow Historical Society building), right on to Bridge St., left onto Depot St., left on Barnstead Rd. (towards Drake Field), left onto High St. (after Floral Park Cemetery), left onto River Rd., slight right onto Page St. (after Mary's Bridge) to Watson St., right onto Lyford Hill Rd. (towards Route 28), straight through the intersection on Leavitt Rd., left at the fork to Loudon Rd., continue on Loudon Rd. through the intersection to Crescent St., left at the fork onto Concord Hill Rd. to Main St., left onto Elm St. to Depot St., straight through the intersection at Bell Brothers to Catamount Rd. (past the Fire Department), right onto Clark St.

We also are planning a virtual Halloween costume contest. Take a picture of your child in their Halloween costume and submit it to the Pittsfield NH Parks and Recreation Facebook page by October 28, 2020. The committee will review all pictures and choose what we deem the three most creative costumes. Results will be published in the *Pittsfield Post* and the Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Be sure to leave your contact information with your pictures. We will contact the winners.



View from Drake Field, photo by Evelyn Roberts



On a sunny August afternoon, Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library hosted a retirement party for long-time library employee Millie Becker. Representing Pittsfield's Select Board, member Carole Richardson presented Millie with a certificate of appreciation for her twenty-four years of service.

Thank You Millie!

Millie Becker, a former Josiah Carpenter Library employee, was recently honored at a luncheon celebrating her 24 years of service at the library. The event was hosted by the Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library at the home of Paula Belliveau, and attended by library staff, trustees, family, and friends.

Colleague Judith MacLellan recalled the secret stash of hard candies Millie kept in her pocket and shared with others. She also praised Millie for her expert repair of books, and how she easily remembered the names of the library patrons as well as their book choices. Another colleague, Holly Brown, recalled meeting Millie many years ago when Holly's husband applied for a library card. Fifteen years later, when Holly moved to Pittsfield and began working at the library, she immediately recognized Millie! They even checked the files and found the library card Millie had created for Holly's husband. That's how memorable Millie is. Once you meet her, you'll never forget her! Holly also mentioned Millie's sense of humor and her innate ability to bring a smile to your face, or even make you laugh out loud. Both colleagues enjoyed working with Millie, calling her a tireless professional, a helpful co-worker, a good friend to the people who have worked with her, and a joy to many others.

Thank you, Millie, and congratulations. We'll miss your smiling face, your thoughtfulness and helpfulness behind the library desk, but we look forward to seeing you around town! We hope you will enjoy your retirement! *Staff and Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library*

Town Crier Andi Riel, 435-6346
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October 16, Friday, 10am-12pm. Senior Center Flu Shot Clinic by the Concord Visiting Nurse Association. Ages 3 and older; appointments are required. For more information call 224-4093, ext.5815.

October 17, Saturday, 12-4pm. Free Sugar Pumpkins will be available at the FB Argue Recreation Area on Sat. Pick up a pumpkin or two to carve and bring back to the area the following weekend. Your Parks & Recreation Committee members will light the jack-o-lanterns the week before Halloween.

October 24, Saturday, 10am-2pm. Return your jack-o-lanterns to the town beach for display for the week. The Throw-a-Treat parade is being organized for 2pm on that day. Any groups in town that would like to join the parade, contact Minnie at 603 290-4068. **Also:** deadline for the online costume contest sent to Pittsfield NH Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

October 25, Sunday, 3-7pm – FIELD OF TREATS at the PYBA Tilton Hill Fields, Sponsored by the Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Visit their Facebook page. Families & Local Businesses encouraged to sign up for a booth!

Senior Center – Things are starting to open slowly. For more information call Carol at 435-8482.

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 Pittsfield Food Pantry located at 55 Barnstead Road, near Joy Church, is available to anyone needing some help. Hours: Monday: 11am –2pm & 4pm-6pm; Thursday: 11am-2pm. If you would like more information, call 435-7300.

Happy Birthday wishes to Alice Young, yesterday. I hope you enjoyed your special day.

Recipe Round-Up – Soups, Stews & Chilis

Beautiful fall days are perfect weather for a hearty bowl of homemade deliciousness. We'd like to publish your favorites over the coming weeks. Please send your recipes to pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org Include your contact information in case we need to reach you. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

Cook's Corner

Uncle Othmar's Mushroom Pie

Yay! Our first response to our Recipe Round Up call out! Bill Miskoe offers up a family favorite. What a great dish, with the earthy mix of meaty mushrooms, leftover 'mashed' and bacon – all wrapped up in a pie crust top. Cut a salad to serve alongside and you're good to go. Bill, thank you so much for sharing this one! Bon appetit.



Fresh mushrooms – Portobello, white, shiitake, oyster – 6 cups

Leftover mashed potato – 2 cups

Chicken stock – 1 Cup

Hard boiled eggs – 4

Bacon – 2 slices

Salt, Pepper, Garlic

Condensed cream of mushroom soup – 1 can

Wash the mushrooms, pick out all the hard stemmy bits and drain. Slice the mushrooms. Peel the shells off the eggs and slice them. Cut the bacon into little pieces about the size of a dime. Combine stock, soup, mashed potato, bacon, and seasonings. Mix in the mushrooms. Put everything into a deep pie pan. Put the egg slices on top. Make and roll out some pie dough for a top crust. Put it on top of the stuff in the pie pan.

Bake at 350F until the crust gets brown and flaky and the filling starts to leak out. Put something under to catch the leaky stuff.

You can make a vegetarian version by leaving out the bacon, and not using lard in the crust. But I don't recommend it. *Bill Miskoe*

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Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Spousal Loss Group

CRVNA will hold online weekly adult grief discussion groups to help people who are dealing with the death of a spouse or significant other. Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings, and challenges. Facilitators and participants share tools they have learned that have been helpful in their grief journey. Daytime sessions will be held Wednesdays, October 21-December 2, 10:30-11:30am. Evening sessions will be held Tuesdays, October 20-December 1, 5:30-6:30pm. To register, call (603)410-9917 or visit www.crvna.org/griefsupport Technical support is available to participate in the group.

Double Word Puzzle #11 by Diana Westgate

Play section _____ Decree

Serious _____ Type of angle

Goal _____ Point a gun at something

Type of tree _____ Burnt wood residue

Reverse _____ Part of torso

Ring _____ Musical group

Drinking hole _____ Soap quantity

Widest part of a ship _____ Part of light

Large animal _____ Carry

Patrolled by a policeman _____ Hit

Can you find where the answers are?



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our freedom, and a loving
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Against His Will

Part Thirteen of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

She had the vague sensation of floating. There were voices around her, muffled and low. Then another voice, a female.

“Put her in there,” the voice commanded.

Jeanette felt the cold of metal on her arms. Hands were easing her body into a fetal position. Someone removed her shoes. Dogs were barking, but the sound came from overhead. She realized she was back at the dog grooming kennels.

“Shut that effing thing off, would you?” the female voice demanded.

The sound of yips and barks abruptly cut out. The sharp smell of antiseptic cleaner stung her nose.

“So, what’s the latest?” a voice asked. She recognized it to be Joseph.

“So,” the woman mocked back. “Where’s my money?”

There was a shuffling of paper and cloth. Jeanette tried to open her eyes, but her lids felt glued shut. Her lips were dry and parched.

“Five thousand?” the woman asked.

“Do you want me to count it out for you right here?”

Jeanette heard the woman scoff.

“Okay, okay,” she replied. “So they’re looking hard into Edwin right now. He remains ‘person-of-interest’ Number One. I’ve managed a little pillow talk to point interest in that area and keep the flame burning. They know about the loan to Cameron and Alberto from the old man’s estate, but they still don’t know for how much or why.”

“Jesus, that’s too close,” Joseph replied. Jeanette heard him pacing.

“I’m not sure how to cover that up, unless I convince Cameron and Alberto to say it was for their winery business.”

“They’d be able to trace that too easily,” Joseph sighed.

“The good news is they haven’t discovered the movement of funds yet to the off-shore accounts.”

Joseph laughed.

“To think that they’re chasing this will down, but I’ve been ciphering off his bank accounts for years.”

“You’re a genius, man,” the woman said sarcastically.

“Anything else?” Joseph asked.

“Not at the moment. But Mrs. Clough’s going to need her funds to keep quiet.”

“I have that, too,” Joseph said. “You can bring it back to her when you leave.”

“Nothing yet on the heir?”

“Haven’t found him yet,” the woman stated. “But if we do, we’ll need to take care of him.”

“I know people who can do that,” Joseph stated. Then he laughed.

Goosebumps ran up Jeanette’s arms and she shuddered. Carefully she opened her eyes and tried to focus. Her vision blurred, but she could make out Joseph standing with his back to her.

“Now get out of here,” Joseph said. “And take her car. I don’t want anyone to know she was here.”

“I will,” the woman replied. Joseph stepped aside to dim the lights. When he did, Jeanette nearly gasped out loud.

The receptionist, Liz, was walking out of the room followed by Joseph. At the doorway, Liz looked back and met Jeanette’s gaze straight on.

As a scream stuck in her closing throat, Jeanette could have sworn the girl winked at her.

Pittsfield Post Loves News!

Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors? Are you a member of a community group that has news to share? Email us your news, limiting letters to 250 words, by noon on Friday. Full editorial guidelines are at

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pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Purchase of Town Property hearing #2

The Board of Selectmen will hold the second public hearing to accept comment on the proposed purchase of land, in accordance with RSA 41:14-a, a statute, which gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to acquire and sell land and buildings through a public hearing process, that was adopted by Town Meeting on March 17, 2007.

The parcel being considered for purchase is 36 Main Street, tax map U3, lot 83.

The second public hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the Town Office, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

Editorial Guidelines

The Pittsfield Post promotes:

Pittsfield town and school activities, and events in Pittsfield involving Pittsfield residents or sponsored by Pittsfield organizations.

Information directly impacting Pittsfield residents, businesses located in Pittsfield and/or that are owned by a Pittsfield resident.

Letters to the editor (limit 250 words)

Must be signed by the author with contact information included (authorship will be verified); letters should be civil and respectful of all people. No letter is guaranteed publication.

Articles (limit 250 words)

Articles seek to inform citizens of events, happenings, and opportunities in Pittsfield or affecting Pittsfield. They should be factual, specific, and clear. Priority is given to events that will happen, with lesser emphasis on events that have happened in the past.

Letters and Articles are the opinions of the author, not volunteers of the *Pittsfield Post*.

Pittsfield Select Board, September 29

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed purchase of a parcel of land, 36 Main St., at a reasonable price. This highly visible lot is in the heart of the downtown and the BoS feels the town would best be served by controlling what ultimately ends up there. The best way to control it is to own it. A second hearing was held to solicit public input in using money from a fund set up at a town meeting years ago for such purchases and improvements. There were no negative comments regarding either proposal.

Halloween was discussed briefly with the Police Chief. The Select Board sees no reason to suspend it over Covid 19, and simply feels residents can either put their light on and hand out candy, or not. Parents can take their kids outside and go door-to-door if they feel they can do so safely. Have fun, and be safe.

Upcoming public works projects were discussed with acting supervisor Eldredge. Some work needs to be done to roadsides on Lyford Hill and Upper City to keep the ditches from washing out - assuming we ever get rain again. We also would like to fill a couple of open equipment operator positions before snow starts falling, and seats need to be filled in plow trucks. Ditching dirt roads will begin when the leaves have fallen. Thanks to the small amount of rain we've had, road grading has finally gotten underway.
Carl Anderson

To Citizens of Pittsfield:

President Trump is paid \$400,000 each year by the American people.

This is taxable income and the President is required to file a tax return every year.

In 2017 he paid \$750 in Federal taxes.

How many people are there in Pittsfield who paid more than that, and earned less than Trump?

Bill Miskoe

Dear Fellow Voters,

I am writing in support of candidates Corky Messner and Steve Negrón for US Senate and Congress, District 2. I believe they fit the values of the citizens of our state and its historical bent of independence and conservatism. The two Democrats they are vying to replace I believe are too extreme and out of step with average, patriotic Americans. They have been in Washington for multiple terms and have either embraced the radical movements like BLM and Antifa, or have kept silent about it and the violence of these groups. When they come home they pretend to be independent, but don't be fooled for yet another term. We have the power to term-limit these politicians. I believe New Hampshire would do well and be proud to elect fresh representation that will speak up for what we know in our hearts is right: support for police, fair immigration, our rights to ALL speech, and our rights to protect ourselves and our property. We need leaders who are part of the solution for the issues the nation faces and not long-time politicians who stand in the way - with Pelosi and Schumer - of the solutions. As an exceptional and blessed nation, it's easy to forget that as such we have a target on our back. There are groups, even from within, who want to change America into something unrecognizable. We need wise representatives right now who recognize this reality and will speak up for us.

Willie Matras, Pittsfield, NH

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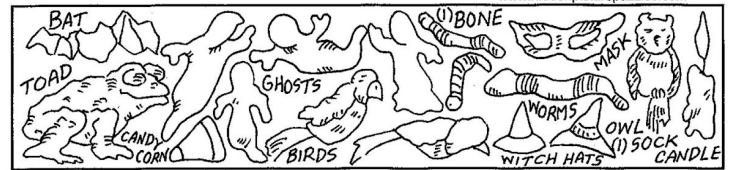
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Answers to Double Word Puzzle #1

- Play section – act – Decree
- Serious –acute – Type of angle
- Goal – aim – Point a gun at something
- Type of tree – ash – Burnt wood residue
- Reverse – back –Part of torso
- Ring – band – Musical group
- Drinking hole – bar – Soap quantity
- Widest part of a ship – beam – Part of light
- Large animal – bear – Carry
- Patrolled by a policeman – beat – Hit

Country Life and Kumquats

Have you purchased some unusual food during 2020, while we all stay, and eat, at home almost all the time? The produce section of Market Basket recently included kumquats. Looking them over, thinking 'I've never eaten a kumquat,' into my cart they went. At home unpacking the groceries and preparing to eat lunch, I wasn't sure how to eat a kumquat. The container said, "To release the best flavor - roll between fingers before eating." It looked like a tiny orange, I rolled and cut one open. As suspected, the inside looked like an orange. But it was so small I couldn't imagine wanting to peel all of them, or even one. Brow furrowed I decided to search the internet for how to eat a kumquat. Sure enough, there was a short video - I think there may be a how-to video for just about everything humans need to figure out. It turns out you eat them whole - skin, seeds, everything. I popped one in my mouth and promptly puckered up. The flavor is tart, with a blending of citrus rind. I'm not fond of the seeds, so after the first one I've been spitting them out.

That first luncheon, I ate three or four. I purchased them, so I have to eat them; they must have high vitamin C, which is a good thing for the beginning of cold and flu season - Right? Another internet search revealed that kumquats are recommended for salads, especially when combined with kiwi. Another suggestion is jam, or part of a fruit cake (too many kumquats and....the effort!). A few days later my husband asked what the kumquats taste like, and he now refuses to help me eat them. So, no salads with kumquats. Currently I eat one, two, or three a day; I'm sure my immune system is getting a boost of vitamin C and fiber. I should be done in about ten days.

When I purchase something to add some interest to our current stay-at-home-most-of-the-time lifestyle, I need to follow through. Sigh. If you see me contemplating something unusual at the grocery store, please ask if I *really* want to make the purchase.
Leslie Vogt



Note from the Post Volunteers:
Have you done something readers may find interesting?
Send it to the *Post* and we'll publish it under This Country Life!

Book Club Selection for November 10

The Josiah Carpenter Library book club will be reading *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott. *Secrets* is based on the true story of the CIA's clandestine work to smuggle Boris Pasternak's masterful book *Doctor Zhivago* out from behind the iron curtain. The story of two secretaries in the CIA's typing pool who become invisible master spies, and Pasternak's lifelong mistress are interwoven in a gripping page-turner. The club will meet at 10am on Tuesday, November 10, in the Bicentennial Room at the Community Center. Social distancing be practiced and masks will be worn. In addition to discussing *Secrets*, people will also discuss books that they enjoyed reading.

Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Write a grocery list together. Go around the house checking what you need, and add items to the list.

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The Creation of Autumn Leaves

By Jean Cram

In the beginning
The Creator made a single tree.
Not sure if it would fit
Into his creation plans,
He stayed on earth
To watch it grow.

It grew tall and wide in the sun
And had many leaves.
Birds sang on the tree
And animals and people
Came to it for shade.

The creator looked around
The barren landscape
And made a decree
That other trees would be called
Into existence.

And it was so.
Trees multiplied
According to its kind.
They grew in hot places,
In cold places,
And in all 'the in-between' places.

The creator took but a moment
To admire all the trees
That had been created...
And saw it was very good indeed!

But the Great Artist
Hadn't finished as yet
So the "spoken word" was directed
To all the leafy trees
In all 'the in-between places'
Of the autumn time season.

And so it was that autumn leaves
Appeared upon the earth
In brilliant hues
Of yellow, orange, and red,
Dotting all the countrysides
Near and far.

Upon its completion,
The Creator-of-All sighed deeply,
Causing the sky to darken
Upon all the birds of the air
And creatures of the land and sea.

Crackling thunder reverberated
Against all the mountainsides
At the same time
As the Creator began to speak,
"It is finished.
I am well pleased with my handiwork
And will now rest."

And so it was
That all living creation greatly admired
The great masterpieces of autumn.
'Oohs' and 'Aahs' could be heard
In every language upon the earth.

And so it is that seasons do change...
For some of us anyway.
So when summer is finally put to rest
With the 'face' of winter
Fast approaching...
It is then that the gift of autumn
Rewards us with the spectacle of color!



View from Drake Field, photo by Evelyn Roberts