

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."

MAY 4, 2022

-James E. Faust

Deathtrap at The Scenic Theatre

The Pittsfield Players want to inform you that the show will go on! Despite some setbacks from the fire next door to the Scenic, The Pittsfield Players will present Ira Levin's dark comedy/murder thriller Deathtrap, sponsored in part by The Iron Dragon of Pittsfield.

Don't let outward appearances keep you from joining us as we move forward with siding proposals, insurance estimates and general attention to making our historic theater feel like a home away from home for you. The theater proper, costume shop and prop attic have been deodorized, the seats cleaned, the walls sanitized, the floors vacuumed and shampooed, and everything else dusted and otherwise cleaned, freshened and ready for you all to join us as we present this very exciting show.

Just as in reality outward appearances are not always what they seem. Deathtrap characters who give you a show within a show are also not who they seem as well. Do we trust that Sidney will not strike while the moon is full? Is Myra keeping financial secrets from her playwright husband whose last hit was 8 years ago? Does Clifford want more than second billing on the marquee? Does Helga Ten Dorp really have psychic abilities especially after being laughed off the Merv Griffin show? And what exactly is Porter's story, is he friend or fiend?

Find out all this and more at The Pittsfield Players' production of Deathtrap. **Opening Night, May 6 will be First Responders Appreciation Night, join us in celebrating the firefighters and first responders who helped keep the Scenic standing.** The show runs May 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7:30 pm and May 8 at 2pm. General admission tickets, \$15 can be reserved ahead of time by calling 603-435-8852 or you can buy them online at our new website www.pittsfieldplayers.org

This is a show you will not want to miss! *Meggin Dail*, Pittsfield Players

Senior Center Hours of Operation

The Senior Center has made some adjustments to the weekly schedule.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 8am-1pm

Tuesday 9am-12pm Office hours only; no events are occurring at the center unless stated otherwise

Senior Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday 11:30pm

Bingo: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11am

Cribbage: Wednesday 10-11:30am

Exercise Walking at Center: Monday & Thursday 8-9:30am & 11am -1pm Wednesday & Friday 8am - 1pm

If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know. *Carol Schiferle*, 603-435-8482



The Pittsfield Players
present



DEATHTRAP
A Thriller
by Ira Levin

Directed by Jeff Gregoire
Produced with special arrangement by Dramatists Play Service

SHOW TIMES:
May 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7:30 PM
May 8 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are \$15 | For Reservations call 603-435-8852
May be purchased online at www.pittsfieldplayers.org
via Ticketleap, or at the door.
(The Pittsfield Players now accept credit cards via Square at the door)

THE SCENIC THEATRE
6 DEPOT STREET | PITTSFIELD, NH

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

"History of The Suncook Valley Sun" presented by Art Morse on Wed, May 11, at 7pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

Empty Bowls fundraiser hosted by PMHS students on Thursday, May 19, from 5-7pm. This popular event will be in the PMHS cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry.

Joy Church is hosting a free family movie night on Friday, May 6, at 6:30pm. We will be watching "Sing 2". The whole community is invited. There will be free popcorn and snacks for everyone. We hope to see you there! Our address is 55 Barnstead Rd in Pittsfield.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club is inviting local organizations to participate in the Balloon Rally. If your group has an event, activity, project, fundraiser that you would like to do at Balloon Rally, please contact Fallon Reed suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com.

Autos for Veterans Car Show – Saturday, May 21, at 9am at the Globe Mfg parking lot, Rte 28, Pittsfield. FREE to spectators. Join us to raise money for our local Veterans as we host our very first Autos For Veterans! All proceeds to benefit "Humble Grunt Work Organization - Humble House Project". Calling ALL makes, models and years of cars, motorcycles and trucks. Entry Fee - \$15. Various judging and voting. Music, food, raffles, vendors & crafters. Contact Jennifer Prusia at jenprusia@gmail.com or 603-496-1274.

Fun Pass: Josiah Carpenter Library will be placing a bulk order of "The Fun Pass" (over 90 discounts to your favorite NE Family attractions- including museums). Books are \$35 each. Cash or Check (payable to Town of Pittsfield) accepted. The deadline for orders is May 5. Please stop in at the Library to purchase one.

Library Teen Book Club is meeting on Wed, May 4, from 3:30-4:30pm. "If you like to hang out and chat with friends while eating snacks- Book Club is for you!" Stop in at the Library and sign up. The Library has a fun project coming up and are looking for donations of plastic 2-liter bottles and plastic 32 ounce juice bottles as well. If you have some, please consider bringing to the library next time you go by. Library hours - Mondays and Thursdays 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2.

SAVE THE DATE.....Pittsfield Old Home Day is Saturday, July 23. The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". Plans are underway and more information will follow!

Project Inspire 603 is a non-profit started by Dee & George Ashford in memory of their daughter, Vanessa Stevens, who was a Special Education teacher. Vanessa's passion for teaching is the driving force for the Ashfords that keeps her memory alive. Each year they host a perennial plant sale complete with birdhouses, garden décor and raffles, proceeds which help the Ashfords make local school supply donations. The 2022 plant sale is Fri, May 13, and Sat, May 14, from 8am-4pm at 88 Kelsey Mill Rd in Northwood. If you are interested in donating raffle items, please contact Dee at 603-716-4913 or visit their Facebook page for updates.

Happy Birthday wishes to Marissa Butterfield. I hope you enjoy your special day.

A Haiku in Maple

(The ramblings of moderately lucid curmudgeon)

By Fred Endler

(3rd Place Age 50+)

Spring feast begins now.
Hibernation is over.
Maple donuts, please.

Omitted by mistake in last print version of the Post!

BCEP Solid Waste Temporary Entrance

Starting Tuesday, May 3rd, the current entrance of the BCEP Solid Waste facility will be under construction. The current exit will be used as both the entrance and exit during construction. Please follow the signs and coned lanes.

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Support Your Local Pollinators and Join Josiah Carpenter Library in the Nationwide Library Initiative #PlantWildflowers

The informative story, **Henry Meets a Honey Bee**, by Justin Ruger, has recently been posted as the StoryWalk® for the month of May. Join Henry as he takes a walk and stumbles upon an adventure of a lifetime. The queen bee from a local hive will bring you and Henry on a tour to learn all about the life of honey bees. Tie up your walking shoes, grab a water bottle, and enjoy a walk through our beautiful little town while reading this fun story with colorful illustrations.

Families can pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the story, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

A special thank you to the anonymous donor who sponsored this month's StoryWalk® (If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide StoryWalk® this year, please let us know!)

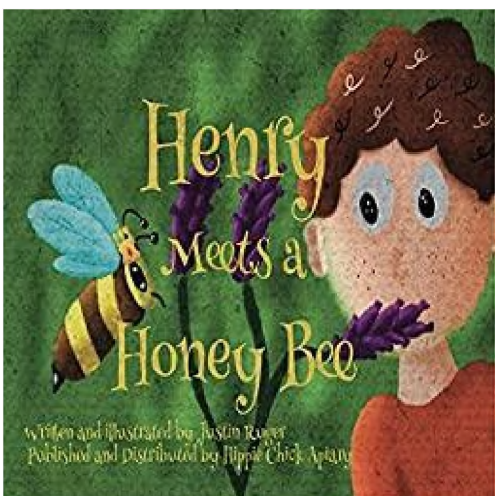
The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story.

*****Join us for these wildflower/pollinator programs throughout the month *****

Sunday, May 15—Bee education, Honey Tasting and Mead Tasting 11am-1pm at Over the Moon Farmstead, Upper City Road, Pittsfield

Thursday, May 19—Meet a couple of beekeepers at the library at 6pm

Saturday, May 21—Wildflower Seed Planting to take home. Drop in anytime from 11am-1pm at the library



What's Up @ PYW?

Spring break has come and gone and we're already looking forward to summer vacation! Our summer calendar will be coming out in just a few weeks with lots of exciting trips and activities planned. Stay up to date by checking out our Facebook page: The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW).

This week we can't forget Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, so stop by and make something special for her. We have special crafts planned Wed-Fri this week :)

We are also having our last raffle this Friday, May 6, at our High School Only Night from 6-8pm. Stop by and earn entries with your friends! *Laurie Sweeney*

Cook's Corner Carrot Ginger Soup

I know we're all looking ahead to the warm weather that Summer will bring, but it can still be a little brisk in Spring. The other day, the temps dropped a bit and I searched through my files for a nice Spring soup and found this old favorite. It's very easy to make, so flavorful and a beautiful color – pleasing to all of our senses. I've made this many times. Once I didn't have ginger so I substituted curry powder and it was great. I like to serve this soup with a good salad; or for a heartier meal, grill up a few Turkey Ruben sammies. Yum-O! Have fun in the kitchen!

2 TBSP olive oil
½ cup chopped onion
4 cups chopped carrots (1/2 inch pieces)
4 cups vegetable broth (or chicken broth)
1 cup orange juice
1 TBSP + 2 tsp fresh ginger, minced (or buy a tube of fresh ginger, produce aisle)
1 TBSP lemon juice
1 (14 oz) can coconut milk
½ tsp salt
Fresh ground black pepper to taste

Heat olive oil in a large saucepan, add onion, saute until translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add carrots, broth, orange juice, ginger, lemon juice and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes, or until carrots are tender. Let this cool, then working in batches, puree the soup in the blender until smooth.

Return mixture to the saucepan, stir in coconut milk and season with salt & pepper to taste.

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Pittsfield Preschool's Stay & Play

May 20th

9:30-11am or 12:30-2pm

Do you have a child that will be 3 years old by July 31, 2022? He or she may be eligible to attend the PES Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Sign up to have your child play in the classroom while you find out more about the preschool program. We have spots in our 3 year old class and our 4 year old class!

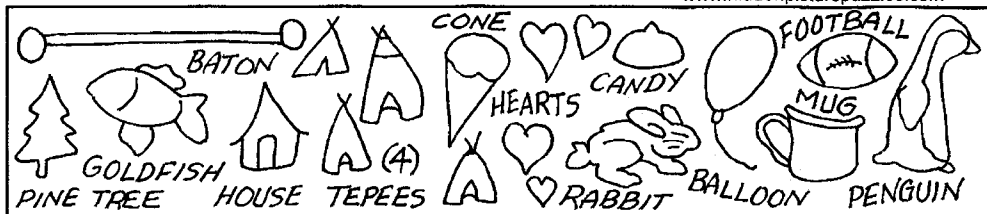
★ By appointment only

★ Appointments are 1 hour and 30 minutes long

Call the school office to schedule an appointment 603-435-8432

SPOTS ARE CHOSEN BY A LOTTERY

Cinco de Mayo Hidden Pictures



Grow, Learn, Read Daily
Activity

Josiah Carpenter Library

4 SINGING

Play talent show. Take turns singing and/or dancing.

Classifieds

Pittsfield Community Center
Function Rooms available for
Rent

Days, Nights, Weekends.
Call 603 435-6729 for
information

HELP WANTED

Pittsfield Town Beach

Pittsfield Parks & Recreation
Commission is accepting
applications for lifeguards,
beach attendants, and gate
keepers for the 2022 summer
season at the Forrest B. Argue
Recreational Area. Weekends
are a must. Applications can
be picked up at Town Hall, 85
Main Street, or on the town
website, www.pittsfieldnh.gov
Deadline is Friday, April 29.

Advertise in the Post!

Classified rates start at \$3.00
a week.

www.pittsfieldpost.org

SUNCOOK VALLEY ROTARY HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL CONTEST

“What does your Town mean to you? Why do you love your town?” We’re looking for kindergarten to 12th grade students in the Suncook Valley to tell or show us why they love their Town. All entries must show or explain what their town means to them. Entries submitted by mail to Suncook Valley Rotary Club | PO Box 104 | Pittsfield, NH 03263 or by email to: suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com.

Please include the students name, grade, school, town, phone number and email address on the back of your submission. CATEGORIES: Elementary school students (Grades K-5): Picture/drawing. Middle school students (Grades 6-8): Picture/drawing or essay, up to 500 words. High school students (Grades 9-12): Essay, up to 800 words.

PRIZES: Each winner will receive a cash prize! Suncook Valley Rotary Club will select one winner per town per category. Winners will be notified by email or telephone by May 20. For more information on guidelines and prizes go to: Suncook Valley Rotary Club on Facebook.

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, my committee finished its Senate bills. We heard the last two, SB 224 on children's environmental health day, and SB 450, on the prescription drug affordability board. We also heard an amendment to SB 224 that would change the criteria for licensing out-of-state plumbers; I liked the idea but after learning the constituent who triggered this amendment had never applied for a New Hampshire license, was more ready to listen to the opposition. SB 224 was voted to be killed, and we sent SB 450 to interim study with the other bill we have on the drug affordability board.

Most of our other bills were amended in accordance with the subcommittee recommendations and passed. SB 397, two interstate compacts, had the compact on placement of children deleted, because some of us had reservations about it, and there was no urgency as that compact won't come into effect any time soon. SB 274, prohibiting project labor agreements, was recommended to be killed, 12-7.

The redistricting committee met on SB 200, which is now the congressional district map. The minority presented their previous map (current districts with Hampton switched from CD1 to CD2.) This was criticized as splitting economic communities and counties, and even as not being the “least changed” as they could have moved a few towns in the North Country and result in a lesser deviation between the districts. It failed, 7-8. The Republican mapmaker presented a new map, concentrating CD1 in the I93 corridor, which had several advantages: population deviation of 5 people, only two counties split, and all economic communities kept together (except ones already split by county lines.) The political competitiveness was excellent, as in 2020 the Republican would have won by 50.5%. Can't get much tighter than that! The Democrats criticized it as moving too many communities from one district to another, and not being “competitive.” After some discussion, this map passed, 8-7 (all votes in this committee are on party lines.)

Email me for my weekly newsletter, *Representative Carol McGuire*, m McGuire4house@gmail.com 782-4918

School Board Update

The School Board received the Site Council’s amended dress code proposal for first reading. The Board will consider and discuss the proposal at our next meeting. Thank you, as always, to our student representative, Matthew Swenson, for his commitment to his school community.

Ms. Bickford encouraged the Board to support a friend of the court brief in the *Verrill v. NH DHHS* case. The appeal of this case has the potential for a significant impact on our many students identified with disabilities and their families. The Board agreed to contribute \$1,000 in legal fees as a show of support.

Mr. Lane shared about the events of April 13 with the fire in town. He expressed gratitude to the school staff for their support of the children during this frightening experience. Board member Sandi Adams commended PES nurse Amber Goodwin for her bravery and commitment to Pittsfield by reading the commendation awarded to her by the Select Board. The Board is so very proud of Ms. Goodwin and thankful for her efforts.

The candidates for the vacant board seats have been interviewed and the Board felt as though both candidates did an excellent job. We have asked the candidates to answer some follow up questions so the Board will have the information we need to make the best decision for the seat.

As always, we encourage all community members to attend our next school board meeting on Thursday, May 5t, at 5:30 in the PMHS library. *Molly Goggin*, moggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org 603-387-1396

MAY 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mondays, 10am** 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
8am-4pm Town Hall
- Wednesdays, 12:30-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
10-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
1-4pm Town Hall
- Thursdays, 10am** Library Story Hour
11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
8am-4pm Town Hall
- Fridays, 8am-4pm** Town Hall
1:50-2:40 PMHS Food Pantry
- Saturdays, 10am-2pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 2, Monday, 9am** Pittsfield Senior Center Activity Meeting, Senior Center
6:30pm Victory Workers 4-H Meeting, PES
7:30pm American Legion M, Town Hall
- 3, Tuesday, 9-11am** Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church
- 4, Wednesday, 11am** Senior Center Volunteer Meeting, Senior Center
6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society
6:30pm Old Home Day Committee meeting, Community Center
- 5, Thursday, 5:30pm** School Board meeting PMHS Media Center
6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall
- 6, Friday, 6:30pm** Family Movie Night, Joy Church
7:30pm Pittsfield Players Present *Death Trap*, Scenic Theatre
Ride @ Recess Bike Check, PES
PMHS Junior Senior Prom
- 7, Saturday, 11am** PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Hinsdale, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Hinsdale, Tilton Hill
7:30pm Pittsfield Players Present *Death Trap*, Scenic Theatre
- 8, Sunday, 2pm** Pittsfield Players Present *Death Trap*, Scenic Theatre
- 9, Monday, 6pm** PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting PES
- 10, Tuesday, 6pm** Selectboard meeting, Town Hall
6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Community Center
- 11, Wednesday, 11am** Don Smith in Concert, Pittsfield Senior Center
- 4:30pm** PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Franklin, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Franklin, Tilton Hill
5pm Community Development Comm, Town Hall
7pm *The History of the Suncook Valley Sun*, Pittsfield Historical Society
- 12, Thursday, 7pm** Planning Board meeting, Town Hall
- 13, Friday 4:30pm** PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Wilton, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Wilton, Tilton Hill
7:30pm Pittsfield Players Present *Death Trap*, Scenic Theatre
- 14, Saturday 8:30am** Community Breakfast, Joy Church
10am-Noon Vision of the Graduate Community Forum, PMHS
7:30pm Pittsfield Players Present *Death Trap*, Scenic Theatre
- 15, Sunday 11am-1pm** Bee Education, Honey and Mead Tasting , Over the Moon Farmstead
- 16, Monday, 9am-3pm** VNA Senior Health Clinic, Community Center, call 224-4-93 ext 5815 for an appointment
- 17, Tuesday, 9-11am** Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church
- 18, Wednesday, 11:30am** Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library
4:30pm PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Epping, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Epping, Tilton Hill
7pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society
- 19, Thursday, 5pm** Empty bowls Fundraiser Supper, PMHS Cafeteria
5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center
6pm Meet Local Beekeeper Hobbyists, Josiah Carpenter Library
- 23, Friday 4:30pm** PMHS Varsity Baseball Game against Portsmouth Christian, Drake Field and PMHS Softball game against Portsmouth Christ., Tilton Hill
- 21, Saturday 11am-1pm** Wild Flower Seed Planting, Josiah Carpenter Library
- 24, Tuesday, 6pm** Selectboard meeting, Town Hall
6-7pm Fifth to Sixth Grade Family Information Night, PMHS
- 25, Wednesday, 5pm** Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall
- 26, Thursday, 6pm** Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall
7pm Conservation Commission, Town Hall
- 27, Friday, 11am** Ice Cream Social, Pittsfield Senior Cente *Do you have a meeting or event you want to share? Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org*