"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."  Unknown

Children's Summer Theatre Camp
Auditions

The Pittsfield Players' brand new Children's Summer Theatre Camp will hold sign-ups for 35 magical spots on Saturday, June 3, from 10am - 1pm, and Wednesday, June 7, at 7 pm at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot Street.

There are 25 parts for children, grades 3 and up, and 10 for high schooolers, grades 9-12. Once we fill our roster we will hold auditions on the first day of the 2-week camp, July 17 at 8am.

The Children's Summer Theatre Camp will be held July 17-29, Monday through Friday, 8am-2pm, with performances, one hour in length, to be held Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, at 7pm.

** The $100 cost of the camp has been waived by The Pittsfield Players through a generous grant from The Foss Family Foundation. For our kick-off year, the camp is FREE to all who participate. **

Participants will learn the art of theatre from set building, acting and singing, to costumes and more.

Please follow our social media pages and website www.pittsfieldplayers.org for current information. Pittsfield Players

The Post Volunteers will be observing Memorial Day.
The next PITTSFIELD POST will be published on June 7.

The Music of America Concert
June 2, 7pm

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will present a free patriotic concert, "The Music of America," Friday, June 2, 7pm. It will feature the Chancel Choir, JuBellation Handbell Choir and other talented musicians. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar for this exciting event for all ages. Bring a friend! Parking and wheelchair accessibility are available at the Chestnut Street entrance. Additional parking will be permitted at the Pittsfield Historical Society parking lot in unreserved spaces only. For more information, contact the church office, 603-435-7471. God Bless America! Nella Hobson

Celebrate Pittsfield Middle High School Class of 2023

The June 7 Post will feature the graduating seniors. We welcome any and all special messages and memories for this resilient group. The deadline is noon on June 2. Please email your congratulatory wishes to pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org The Post Volunteers

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**Town Crier**

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

**Conservation Commission** will meet on Thursday, May 25, at 7pm at the Town Hall.

**PMHS Student Film Festival** is Thursday, May 25, 3-6pm in the Greenleaf Auditorium. The Pittsfield Middle High School Film Making Learning Studio will present its feature length movie “Cocka Doodle Doom”. The festival takes place during Pittsfield Middle High School’s Exhibition of Learning, which runs from 1-6:30pm at PMHS.

**PMHS Drive-In.** Looking for a fun family activity? Come to the PMHS parking lot Wednesday, May 24, at dusk, for a drive-in movie showing of the cult classic “The Beef Bites Back”. The school’s Film Making Learning Studio produced the film during the 2017-2018 school year. This is a fun 25-minute student-made, directed, acted, and edited film. There will be concessions available from the Class of 2025. You will also be able to see all three of the movie trailers for PMHS’s new film "Cocka Doodle Doom".

**The Pittsfield Beautification Committee** will plant flowers and shrubs soon for the upcoming summer season. We are in need of additional volunteers. Ideally we are looking for two to three individuals, with a pickup truck, who can help with watering. We have large water barrels, fit with hoses, that need to be driven by truck to the four locations around town where we have plants. 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

**Senior Center Cookout**, Thursday, May 25, 11:30 am. Join the center for a cookout and celebrate the unofficial start of Summer. Hamburgers with the fixings will be served. The center is closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

**The 5th to 6th Grade Family Informational Night** will be held on May 30 at 6pm at PMHS.

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is Hiring!** After school teen center is looking for an energetic and creative individual to help enrich the lives of young people, by providing high quality and fun activities during out-of-school time. Both Full-Time and Part-Time positions available. For more information visit their website www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

**The Dowboro Farm Farmstand** is OPEN! The kids from the Victory Workers 4-H club and others have had a couple of months off and are ready to get back at it. They’ll be bringing back some of your favorite items and have been working on some new surprises too. Stop in at 615 Dowboro Road. Hours are Thurs-Sat, 9:30am-6pm, and Sun,10:30am-4pm.

**Pittsfield Old Home Day** will be Saturday, July 22, with the theme of “Red, White & Blue- It’s All Up to You!” This is a nod to a patriotic theme or in honor of the ALL CLASS Reunion – the colors of Pittsfield Middle High School. For more information, contact Andi Riel. Volunteers for that day are always needed.

**Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee** is looking for vendors for their Community Craft Fair, Sat, July 22, at Dustin Park from 9am-1pm. 10x10 spaces in outdoor venue. If you would like to be a vendor, send an email to ohdvendorfair@yahoo.com

**Pittsfield Community Organizations:** Join the Old Home Day Fun. If you are a non-profit group from Pittsfield, would you be interested in participating in the craft fair on Old Home Day, July 22, from 9am-noon at Dustin Park? The Old Home Day Committee would love to hear from you. There is no charge for non-profits. Contact Minni at minnibump@gmail.com by May 31.

**The Pittsfield High School ALL CLASS REUNION** is planned for Sat, July 22, (Old Home Day!). Calling all graduates or attendees (and families) of Pittsfield Academy or Pittsfield High School – join us at the High School, Oneida Street, from 2-5pm for visiting and catching up with schoolmates, light refreshments and a self-guided tour of the school. A chicken BBQ will be held from 5:30-7pm ($10 each). Please help us by spreading the word to any of your classmates, friends and family. For more information, and Invitation and RSVP form, please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984, at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com You can visit the school website and click on the ALUMNI tab to view the Invitation and RSVP form. If...
The House was in session on May 18 for eight hours! It was a long, nonproductive day, in our opinion, with the Democrats in control. Our newsletter will focus on two bills: SB 272 Parental Rights and SB 263 New Hampshire Granite Health Care Extension.

Parental Rights is the reason I ran for the State House. I spent over four months with our school board working on one of their policies - JBAB Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students. I shared my amazement that a school policy would actually state that the parents are not to be informed, target a minority group and limit the constitutional rights of free speech for students. At the House Session, the Democrats and a small group of Republicans managed to gut SB 272 with several amendments before permanently closing the discussion by indefinitely postponing (195-190) the bill so we cannot discuss it on the floor until the new legislature is elected in 2024!

SB 263 New Hampshire Granite Health Care Extension met with many amendments. I believe 32 in all. In 2019 the Granite Advantage Health Care Program replaced NH Health Protection Program. This program receives 90% of its money from the federal government and accounts for 1/3 of our state’s budget! This program is one of the monsters the government creates by doing what it thinks is right. It was not surprising to me that it has so many supporters! All are getting money from the program. When this was put into effect, it was done with many concerns including a sunset phase to force its ends. Now the Democrats want it permanent and didn’t allow discussion on improvements. This bill was passed and now moves on to Finance. Hopefully, they understand that this monster needs chains!

Cyril and I know that many parents are upset that SB 272 did not pass. Please feel free to contact us at info@claytoncyril4house.com Your Representatives Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood
Cook's Corner
Crispy Portobello with Marsala Sauce

Although I am not a vegetarian, my husband and I do aim to have a vegetarian meal at least once or twice a week. I’ve hesitated putting vegetarian recipes in this cooking column, but this one is great and so versatile, I decided to go for it. Dear readers, let me know if you'd like more of these. These crispy portobello mushrooms are divine. One of the things I really love about this recipe is the mushrooms also make great Portobello Burgers. Just follow the recipe up to the point of making the Marsala sauce. My husband loves his Portobello Burger with sauteed onions and Swiss cheese, I prefer mine with lettuce, tomato, sliced red onion and Cheddar. If you’ve never cooked with portobello mushrooms, I hope this recipe will inspire you. They are very easy to work with and deliciously “meaty”. Bon appetit! MP Christakos

1/4 cup flour
2 large eggs
1/2 tsp salt, divided
1/2 tsp black pepper, divided
1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
4 portobello mushroom caps
4 TBSP olive oil, divided
2 cups sliced shallots (keep them in thin sliced rounds)
1 tsp chopped fresh thyme, plus more for garnish
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup Marsala wine (or dry sherry, cooking sherry is okay)
1/4 cup sour cream

Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Trim the stems from the portobello caps and lightly scrape out some of the black gills, but don’t scrape too deeply. Place flour in a shallow bowl. Lightly beat eggs and 1/4 tsp each of salt and pepper in another shallow bowl. In a third shallow bowl, combine panko breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese. Coat each mushroom cap in the flour, shaking off excess, then dip in the egg mixture, letting excess drain off, then coat in the breadcrumbs. Heat 3 TBSP oil in a large skillet. Working in batches if necessary, add the mushrooms and cook until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and keep warm. At this point, if you’re making Portobello Burgers, you’re ready to assemble your sammies. Otherwise, proceed as described below. Add remaining 1 TBSP oil to the skillet and then add the shallots and thyme and remaining 1/4 tsp salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until browned, about 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in broth and Marsala wine (or sherry), scraping up any browned bits. Reduce heat and simmer slightly for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream.

Serve the crispy mushroom caps with the sauce and garnished with fresh chopped parsley and thyme, if desired. These are great with a side of your favorite pasta, I like to cook a pot of farfalle (bow tie shaped) for this, but any cooked pasta or warm crusty rolls will do.
Pittsfield Elementary Fourth Grade Students go to the State House

On May 15, 4th grade students at Pittsfield Elementary School were able to take a field trip to the State House in Concord. Our students were AMAZING! They were well behaved, respectful, and they asked lots of great questions. Ms. Drew led us through a tour starting in the House of Representatives, to the Senate, to the Governor's office, and ending in the Hall of Flags. We were able to meet our two NH District 13 representatives, Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures, as well as our District 17 senator, Howard Pearl.

Huge thanks you to our elected officials for providing our students with such a great learning experience.

Pittsfield Elementary School

To the Readers of the Post On May 15, Cyril and I got to do the thing that we like best at the State House. This time, the fourth graders from Pittsfield Elementary School visited. The purpose of the visit is to become familiar with the function of the three branches of government and how the laws are made. Virginia Drew, who runs the State House Visitor Center, and her staff manage the tour process and ensure the class learns the fundamentals of how the State House works, all consistent with the fourth-grade civic history curriculum. Cyril, Sen. Howard Pearl & I, the Representatives, and Senator for Pittsfield also participated. By the close of this article, you'll agree with us, and be impressed by the deep thinking of the 4th graders from Pittsfield.

The tour began in Reps Hall, where the 400 State Representatives work. Mrs. Drew proposed the infamous bill adding 10 minutes each day to their favorite subjects – lunch, recess & extracurricular activities, but ultimately getting home one hour later. To our surprise, the class favored learning and extending the day. After much "testimony" from the student representatives, the bill passed! THIS was the FIRST class in the history of school tours to ever pass the "Extra Hour" in school bill!

We moved to the Senate Chamber, where Senator Pearl clarified that the bill they passed as representatives would also have to pass the Senate and get signed by the Governor before it became law. Sen. Pearl shared and answered a broad variety of questions. The students showed excellent observation skills by asking several questions about the room's embellishments and dress codes. We finished the Senate tour with a group picture.

The next stop was the Governor's office, where the executive council meets with the Governor to run the state. Mrs. Drew made a student temporary Governor, asked him to select a 5-member Executive Council and nominate a Superior Court Judge. "Gov. George" showed great wisdom by nominating Phoenix to be a judge. The testimonials from the class verified that because of his listening ability, knowledge of the rules and disciplined nature, he would make a perfect appointment to the Supreme Court. The council of five approved the Governor's nomination for the bench. Mrs. Drew, whose daughter used to teach at PES, made this tour extremely fun and educational.

The final stop was the Hall of Flags. The history and flags of this display are moving and impress even the youngest of minds. I recommend this stop to anyone who visits the capital.

Cyril, Howard, and I would like to thank the Pittsfield fourth graders and teachers for a very interesting and rewarding "session" at the State House. We were impressed with their questions and attitude and pleased to be part of their class experience. Sincerely, Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures
Congratulations and thank you to the 2023-2024 PMHS Site Council Officers. The Site Council is made up of students, faculty and community members. Established in 2010, the role of the Council is to provide PMHS with a leadership body to review, modify and make decisions regarding areas of high interest to have a positive impact on the educational process and school climate. The School Board recognizes the PMHS Site Council as the governing body of Pittsfield Middle High School. The Pittsfield School Board has given the Site Council the authority to make recommendations on all policies and procedures contained in the Pittsfield Middle High School Student and Family Handbook. All modifications to the Handbook must be approved by the Board. The Site Council is looking forward to continuing our leadership and service into the 2023-24 school year. If you have any ideas for how to improve our school’s function, speak with your Site Council representative and/or consider submitting a proposal.

Adult Co-chair- Martha Carnes
Student Co-chair- Anelissa Marcotte
Adult Co-communication Lead- Quinn Boyce
Student Co-communication Lead- Riley Nagle
Recorder- Katherine Schuster
School Board Student Reps- Ava Walker and Alex Penney
Memorial Day Celebrations will be held on Sunday, May 28. Gather at the Dam at 12:15pm to recognize Merchant Marines, Coast Guard and Navy. Immediately following, a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Dustin Park at 1pm.

Registration is open for the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Multi-Town Yard Sale.

There is a $10 registration fee. Checks can be made out to Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce and mailed to P.O. Box 234, Pittsfield, NH 03263. This year’s yard sale will be Saturday, June 3, from 8am-3pm. Google maps may be found on our website Pittsfieldchamber.org and on the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and other local Facebook groups. For more information or to register please call or text Kathy at 603-833-1434.
**June 2023 Calendar of Events**

**Mondays,**
- 10am Josiah Carpenter 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
- 9am-Noon Pittsfield Historical Society
- 8am-4pm Town Hall

**Wednesdays,**
- 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 1-4pm Town Hall

**Thursdays,**
- 10am Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour
- 11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
- 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 8am-4pm Town Hall

**Fridays,**
- 8am-4pm Town Hall

**Saturdays,**
- 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, **Thursday, 5:30pm** School Board Meeting PMHS
   6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall
2, **Friday, 5pm** Class of 2028 Movie Night, PMHS
   6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church
3 **Saturday 8am-1pm** Town Wide Yard Sale and Josiah Carpenter Library Book Sale
   5-6:30pm Ham and Bean Supper, South Pittsfield Community Club
   **Time TBA** PES PTO Daddy Daughter Dance, PES
5, **Monday, 6:30pm** American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 Meeting, Town Hall
6, **Tuesday, 9-11am** Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church
7, **Wednesday, 6:30pm** Quetico Connection author talk with John Doelman, Josiah Carpenter Library
   6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society
8, **Thursday, 7pm** Planning Board Meeting
9, **Friday, 6:30pm** Music in my Pockets, Family Fun in Folk Music, Josiah Carpenter Library

7pm **Class of 2023 Awards Ceremony, PMHS**

10, **Saturday, 8:30am** Community Breakfast, Joy Church
   10am PMHS Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony, PMHS
   5-6:30pm Ham and Bean Supper, South Pittsfield Community Club
11, **Sunday 1-4pm** Museum Open, Pittsfield Historical Society
12, **Monday, 6:30pm** Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

13, **Tuesday, 6pm** Select Board Meeting, Town Hall
   6pm PMHS Class of 2027 Achievement Night, PMHS
   7:15pm Parks and Recreation Meeting, Community Center

14, **Wednesday, 4pm** Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall
   6:30pm History of Graylag Presentation, Graylag Nature Preserve; by Pittsfield Historical Society
15, **Thursday, 7:15am** PES PTO Donuts with Dads, PES
   11:30am Senior Center Father's Day Luncheon, Pittsfield Senior Center
   5:30pm School Board, PMHS Media Center
16, **Friday, 6:30pm** Sky View Adventures children's author visit with Angelina Natale, Josiah Carpenter Library
19, **Monday, Last Day of School, Pittsfield School District**
   10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, FB Argue Town Beach
   **Noon** FB Argue Town Beach Opens
   5:30pm Community Supper, First Congregational Church
   6:30pm PHS All Class Reunion Meeting, PMHS

21, **Wednesday, 10:30am** Library Trustees Meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library
   6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society
24, **Saturday, 5-6:30pm** Ham and Bean Supper, South Pittsfield Community Club
26, **Monday, 9am-3pm, VNA Senior Health Clinic, call 603-224-4093 ext 5815 for an appointment, Pittsfield Community Center

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