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"Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people.

July 20, 2022

A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

CONGRATULATIONS **Maryellen (Minni) Plante** *Pittsfield 2022 Citizen of the Year*

Congratulations to Maryellen (Minni) Plante on being selected as the 2022 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!

Most people, when they hear the name, Minni Plante, relate to her Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor days. Minni started as Head Lifeguard at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (a.k.a. Town Pool or Town Beach area) in the 1970's. She has taught hundreds of children to swim and helped many teens train to be lifeguards. Beyond her lifeguard and swimming instructor duties, Minni has helped to bring many positive changes to the "Town Pool." She was instrumental in expanding the concession stand and offering activities for all ages to enjoy at the Recreation Area. She has also mentored many young "Town Pool" employees and helped them through teenage life. She is always ready to help with the coordination of the Float for Old Home Day and any other projects throughout the summer – all with a positive, inspiring attitude.

For over 50 years, Minni has been involved in and served in leadership roles in many organizations. She is the Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission and has continued to bring Harvestfest, the Easter Egg Hunt and Winterfest to our Community. She has been a long time member of the First Congregational Church - serving on a number of committees. She is a member of the Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC) and manages the Community Center. She is a current Board member of the Blueberry Express Day Care and a volunteer on The Pittsfield Post, the community newsletter. In the past, Minni was involved with the Pittsfield Players. She served behind the scenes for many plays and helped with many of the fundraising projects. These are a few of the things we know about but we are sure she has been involved in many other things.



From the nominations letters received - "Minni is the woman to see a need and run with it to ensure everything is done to the best that it can be done she is a team player as well as a gentle leader." "Minni Plante is one of the reasons that children, parents and all community members have had a great quality of life in Pittsfield over the past 50 years." "She is one amazing human being and has dedicated a great deal of herself for the betterment of our community!"

Minni always has a great attitude; a wonderful smile and a kind spirit. She is one of those people who just quietly gets things done! Pittsfield is lucky and grateful to have such a giving, caring person living in our Community.

Congratulations Minni on being selected as the 2022 Pittsfield Citizen 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!

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Pittsfield Old Home Day is Sat, July 23. The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". Join the fun! Plan to spend the day in your "home" town of Pittsfield. Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 435-6346 or Louie Houle 848-1553 for information.

Parks and Rec has put together a survey of offerings for town pool activities - deadline July 31st! Please visit the Town Website for the link and to take the survey.

The Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour is held each Thursday at 10am at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Beach). Plan to stop in and join in.

The PES PTO is excited to announce for the month of July they will begin their community wide used/good condition clothing collection, they are looking for children's size 2T-18. Collection sites will run through the month, our BIG collection day will be July 23 during Old Home Day. In August they will announce the date for families to come out and leave with some new to you clothing for the upcoming school year. Any questions please email PTO@pittsfieldnhschools.org

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club presents the 40th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally, Fri- Sun, Aug. 5-7. Visit the town website pittsfieldnh.gov or the Suncook Valley Rotary Club FB page for schedule. For information or if you have questions, please contact Fallon Reed at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com.

Pittsfield Balloon Rally's Frank H. Donovan 5K - We are excited to let you know that this year's race will be back in person and we hope to see you there. Registration is now open and can be found at: <https://raceroster.com>. Pre-registration fee is \$20. The race is Sunday, Aug. 7, at 9am. For information, please contact Libby & Keith Kun at 603-505-1635 or email frank5krun@gmail.com

Panther Park Disc Golf Course. The course is made up of 9 holes spread around the campus of the Pittsfield Elementary and Middle High Schools and is available for free use by the public, with the exception of during school hours. Disc golf is a tremendously popular sport that combines the enjoyment of hiking through nature while throwing frisbee-like discs into

targets.

Pittsfield's Hot Air Balloon Rally is back and that means that the Victory Workers 4H Club's **Cow Chip Bingo** is back, too! Tickets are available NOW!! All proceeds assist the club with educational programs, life skill projects, scholarships and other activities that help the kids "Make the Best Better." For tickets, please contact Pam Clattenburg at 435-0772 or Melissa Babcock at 496-3928.

Pittsfield Youth Baseball Association (PYBA) Bingo is held each Saturday at 48 Airport Rd, Concord. Come support PYBA and maybe win some prizes. Volunteers are needed too. For more information, please email pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com

At the **F.B. Argue Recreation Area** (aka Town Beach)- this week will be "Spirit" Week! Mon-Pirate Day, Tues-Twin Tuesday, Wed-Wacky Wednesday, Thurs-Hawaiian Day, Fri-Christmas in July and Sat-Old Home Day! Come join the fun!

Happy Birthday wishes to my niece, Crystal Foster on Mon and to Margaret Towle on Wed. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

The **Suncook Valley GOP** will be in the July 23 Pittsfield Old Home Day parade! We hereby invite Republicans to join us in support of the candidates !
Please come early to get one of our custom logo shirts (Donations appreciated) to wear in the
Parade!
LOOK SHARP!
Dress Right!!
Meet:
9:30am
Clark St.
Parade starts 10am



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Sabra Ann (Mayberry) Welch

Sabra Ann (Mayberry) Welch, ARNP, CS, MA, CAGS passed peacefully on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Concord Hospital. She was born on September 27, 1947, in Lynn, MA, daughter of the late Blanche and Roger Mayberry. She was a graduate of Lynn English High School (1965) and Boston University School of Nursing (1969). She was commissioned a LTJG, USNR in 1975. While stationed at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, she met her husband of 45 years LCDR Daniel F. Welch, USN (Ret). After marrying in 1977, and following her Naval service, she continued her education earning her master's degree from the University of North Florida and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from The College of William and Mary. She worked for over 40 years in nursing and counseling, focusing on families and youth, including many years in private practice in Bow.

A resident of Pittsfield for 35 years, she was deeply involved in the community as a member of the Pittsfield Historical Society, parishioner and vestry member at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, troop committee member and merit badge counselor for Boy Scout Troop 84, and an active supporter of several local youth organizations.

Her interests and hobbies were expansive. She was an avid researcher of a variety of topics, inspiring a long-time relationship with the Canterbury Shaker Village where she spearheaded the research, interpretation, and opening of the village infirmary building and countless other projects. She also had a close relationship with the active Shaker community at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village. She embraced her son John's interest in historical reenacting and ran an 18th-c. tavern called "The Brown Dog" - a nod to the beloved family Labrador, Spotless. Throughout her life Sabra took great delight in traveling and enjoyed the opportunity to live abroad in Thailand and a treasured three years in Spain. Her love of travel and community came through in her cooking. She was particularly known for her baked beans and her fudge sauce. Her talents knew no bounds - she loved arranging flowers, event planning, and sewing, especially for those around her.

Sabra is survived by her husband Daniel of Pittsfield, son, ENS John (Rob) Welch, USN, of Williamsburg, VA, and stepdaughters, Cathy Sanford of Baton Rouge, LA, and Deidre Rief of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

A memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, on Saturday, July 16. Internment will be at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in Maine: <https://www.maineshakers.com/capital-campaign/ways-to-give/>



Old Home Day parade float for Pittsfield's 200th Birthday in 1982. What organization will have the best float for 2022??

Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC), owner of the Community Center, is the fiscal agent for the *Pittsfield Post*. PCDC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage in activities that benefit Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to:
Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Newspaper
P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263
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Select Board Review July 12, 2022

Road agent Noel Gaboury came in to discuss hiring a replacement for an open position of equipment operator in the highway department. In order to prepare for not only snow plowing needs that will arrive before we know it, there may be retirement issues we'll have at some point down the road, so he was encouraged to solicit a competent employee. Noel also wanted to discuss the upcoming curb/sidewalk and paving that will take place on Park Street. This project will benefit the town as a whole and PYW at the top of Park St., however parking for some apartments that has been taking place on the town right-of-way will be affected. Residents with parking issues should contact their landlords who ultimately are responsible, not only on Park Street, but anywhere in town that space for vehicles is an issue. Some of the planned road improvement projects that were budgeted last March must be put on hold due to soaring costs to operate. Our fuel appropriation is already exhausted and we're only half way through the year. The upcoming year will require serious decisions by voters because there is no way the town can continue to operate as we have been without significantly higher expenditures and thus higher taxes. Majority will rule; cut wherever we can, or bite the bullet and pay more. Taxes have been pretty stable for a number of years, but may be very difficult to restrain next year. Interviews were conducted with the 5 residents that stepped up to apply to fill the vacant school board seat until next March. The state legislature designated the select board to fill vacant seats on the school board when that board was at an impasse on the decision. Adam Cote, Jody Cunningham, Louie Houle, Bill Miskoe and Dan Schroth all presented themselves well and gave us plenty to digest before we make a decision at a special meeting on July 20. *Carl Anderson*

To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester

Went to a Pittsfield Selectmen's meeting the other night. I was there for my social needs and to introduce myself as a democratic candidate for District 13 Pittsfield and Chichester. I was there to get them to understand why I needed to do this.

Climate Change Women's Rights
Voting Rights Public Schools

I tried to describe my disgust with the republican led state house on each of these issues. However I screwed up about my feelings on women's rights. I said I didn't like the way the republicans put this issue in the budget. I should have said abortion is healthcare. If you want to learn more I'll have a website soon. *Dan the Stoneman*



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Express your Opinion!

Do you have questions or opinions you would like to share? Are you a candidate for an elected position in Pittsfield? Share your ideas or candidacy in the *Post*.

Submission Guidelines: Identify yourself and provide contact information.

300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.

Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.

Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is noon on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org We look forward to supporting an informed Pittsfield election season. The *Post* Volunteers

Pittsfield Sure Does Love Fireworks

The first Old Home Day celebration included a fireworks display, but it is likely the citizens had enjoyed fireworks prior to 1901. Historians believe fireworks were originally developed in the second century BC in China. The first natural "firecrackers" were likely bamboo stalks that when thrown in a fire, would explode with a bang because of the overheating of the hollow air pockets in the bamboo. Around 600-900 AD, legend has it that a Chinese alchemist mixed potassium nitrate, sulfur and charcoal to produce a black, flaky powder – the first "gunpowder". This powder was poured into hollowed out bamboo sticks forming the first man-made fireworks. In the United States fireworks were part of the first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every 4th of July when we celebrate as John Adams had hoped "with pomp, parade bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." *American Pyrotechnics Association*



During the 18th and 19th centuries fireworks became a part of all sorts of celebrations, so *of course* they were a highlight of Pittsfield's original Old Home Day. And we all know that families find all sorts of reasons to light up backyard displays throughout the year. Pittsfield never tires of good firework shows. We all look forward to the Old Home Day and Balloon Rally displays, with crowds drawn to both events. Come on down to Drake Field to wrap up Old Home Day as fireworks illuminate the summer sky! *Old Home Day Committee*

Grow, Learn, Read Daily Activity

Josiah Carpenter Library

20 PLAYING

Use water to "paint" on the sidewalk. Watch it evaporate.

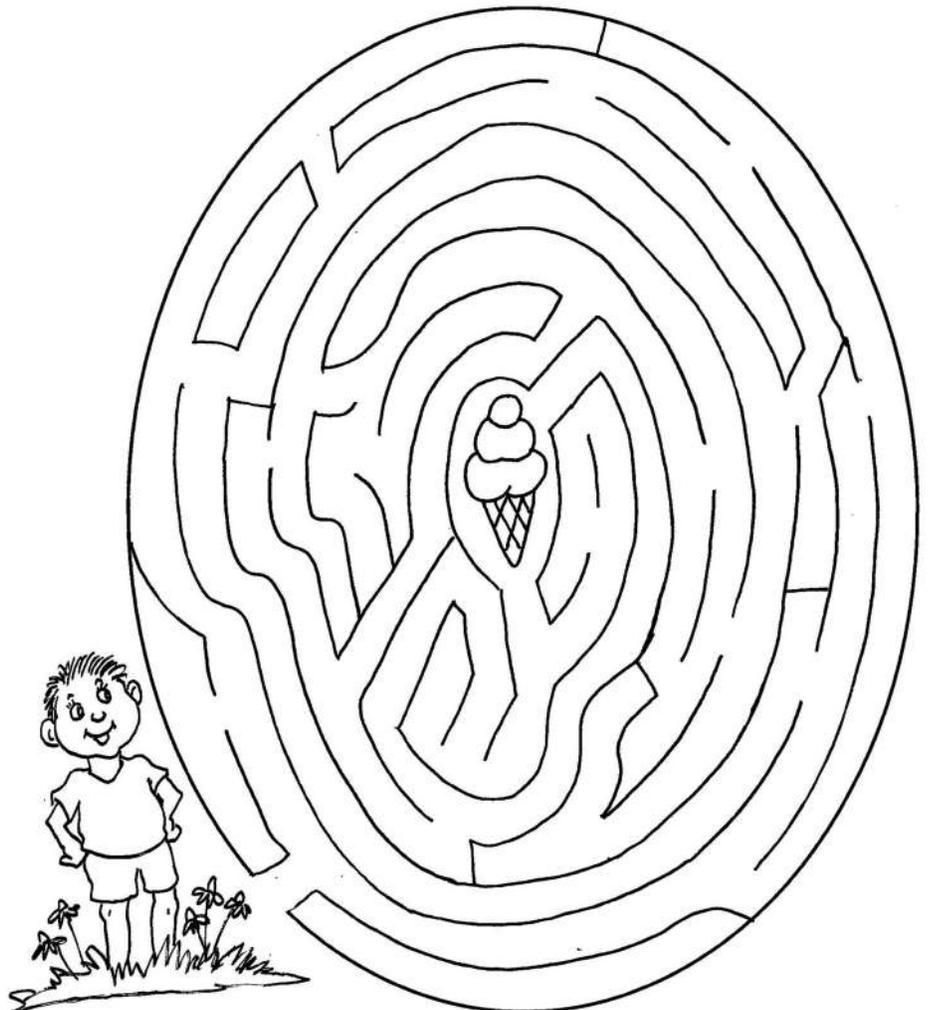
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Cook's Corner

Summertime Ice Pops

There's nothing like a frozen sweet treat on a hot summer afternoon. With Old Home Day and then Balloon Rally on the horizon, plan to make a batch of these to share with guests during the festivities. Here we offer up four ideas for ice pops that are easy and fun to make and are certain to bring smiles all around when the temps rise. The chocolate pops are named for one of our grandsons, Jack Fletcher – he loves them! Don't forget to shop locally for your fresh berries and watermelon. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

Blueberry or Strawberry Ice Pops

2 cups blueberries (washed) or 2 cups strawberries (washed, sliced & remove the green tops)

¼ apple juice

2 TBSP honey

½ lemon, juiced

1 pinch of salt

Combine everything in a blender and mix on low until smooth. Pour into ice pop molds or pouches and freeze at least 4 hours.

Pineapple Cream Ice Pops

2 & ½ cups pineapple chunks (packed in juice), drained

3 TBSP orange juice

1 TBSP honey

2 cups vanilla Greek yogurt

Puree the pineapple, OJ and honey in a blender until smooth. Put about 2 TBSP of the mixture into the ice pop mold or pouch, then top with 2 TBSP of the vanilla yogurt, then repeat the layers until done. Freeze for at least 4 hours.

Strawberry or Raspberry & Watermelon Ice Pops

2 cups watermelon chunks

1 cup fresh strawberries or raspberries (washed, trimmed & sliced)

1 cup orange juice

2 TBSP lime juice

1 TBSP honey

Combine everything in the blender and mix on low until smooth. Pour into ice pop molds or pouches. Freeze for at least 4 hours.

Jack Fletcher's Chocolate Ice Pops

¾ cup sugar

3 TBSP flour

3 TBSP baking cocoa

4 cups whole milk

In a large saucepan, combine sugar, flour and cocoa. Gradually stir in milk until smooth. Bring the mixture to a low boil over medium heat, cook and stir about 2 minutes until it thickens. Let it cool slightly before filling your ice pop molds or pouches. Freeze for at least 4 hours.

Let the Doors Swing Open at Pittsfield Historical Society's Grand Opening, Saturday, July 23

Joe McQuaid, editor-at-large, Union Leader and NH Sunday News, will be the keynote speaker when the Pittsfield Historical Society opens its new museum and headquarters at 4 Oak St., Saturday, July 23, at 2 pm.

Associated with the statewide newspapers for more than 50 years, McQuaid began his career as a reporter/photographer, making his way up the ladder to eventually become publisher. He reported from Europe and the Mideast, and for a short time in Afghanistan with the NH National Guard's Charlie Company, its only infantry unit. He was presented with the Yankee Quill Award, given by NE editors and publishers, and has written several books, including one about the Mount Washington Cog Railway.

Special guest will be Carole Richardson of the Pittsfield Select Board.

Welcoming the gathering will be Liz Dimmick, president of the Society. Larry Berkson, town historian and PHS board member, will acknowledge donors and supporters of this project that took nearly five years to complete.

Concluding the program will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Docents will be available throughout the two-story building to answer questions regarding the exhibits. Guests may feel free to wander the halls and visit the commemorative brick patio at the back of the building.

Refreshments will be served.

Pittsfield Old Home Day

**SATURDAY
JULY 23, 2022**

FRIDAY, JULY 22

8:30 pm **FREE Outdoor Movie at Drake Field
"Lilo and Stitch"**
Presented by the Suncook Valley Rotary
Bring your chairs/blankets. Refreshments available for purchase.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

7:00 am - 9:00 am **RUN FOR AUTISM - Drake Field**

8:00 am **FREE Yoga Class with Stacey**
At the lawn area my the Thyng Memorial - Barnstead Rd.

10:00 am **PARADE - Note Route and Time Change
"Ocean Waves and Beach Days"**
Route: Clark St. - So. Main St. *** Carroll St - Catamount Rd.
(The Parade will NOT be going on Main St past Dustin Park)

Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year
Decorated Floats - Fire Trucks - Bands

Thank you to : The Mavitys of Joy Church - Invocation
Kathy Kelly - National Anthem

THE FUN CONTINUES!!!!

11:30 am **F.B. ARGUE RECREATION AREA (Town Pool)**
After Parade

FREE SWIM

COOKOUT
\$5/person: One Burger/Cheeseburger Chips and Soda
\$2/person: One hot Dog, Chips and Soda

LAWN GAMES – Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, Bocce Ball, Croquet,
and Ladder Ball game will all be set up

BUBBLE STATION – Fun for all Ages

CARNIVAL GAMES – Come try your luck at a few of your
favorite games

FACE PAINTING

"Ocean Waves and Beach Days"

PHOTO "BOOTH" – Beach theme backdrop – Bring your
own camera or phone and SMILE for the picture

WALK ABOUT HOT AIR BALLOON – Adam Gauthier
will have their Balloon set up to walk through

SANDCASTLE BUILDING

BEACH TOWEL ORIGAMI – We will be trying our luck at
folding your own beach towel into some kind of an animal.
Check it out on-line and bring some ideas

12:00 - 2:00 PM **JUJUBEE THE CLOWN** – Balloon Twister will be on-site
making FREE Balloon Art for kids

12:00 - 2:00 PM **BJ HICKMAN, Magician** – Will be on-site performing
magic tricks

1:00 PM **DUCK RACE!** Sponsored by and money raise 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 or purchase at Old Home Day - July 23.

COMMUNITY MURAL – Sponsored by the Josiah Carpenter
Library. Bring your own plastic caps (or there will be some on
site) and help create the Beach theme MURAL.

2:00 PM **PITTSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DEDICATION OF NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
& OPEN HOUSE. (4 OAK STREET)**
Guest Speaker - Open House to tour the New Museum

***** **DRAKE FIELD** *****
Pittsfield Citizen of the Year Presentation

7:45 PM

8:00 - 9:15PM **The NEVERS BAND CONCERT**
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for a great concert

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Approx. 9:15p Bring a chair or blanket



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