# PITTSFIELD POST

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"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." Oscar Wilde

October 19, 2022



### First Annual Apple Fest Apple Pie Contest Winners

Congratulations Dulcey Miller for winning the First Annual Apple Pie Contest - the pie sure looks delicious! And kudos Ernestine Fife for the runner-up spot. Both pies were delicious and a great time was had by all. Start practicing your pie-making skills so you'll be ready for the Second Annual Apple Pie Contest next year, a new tradition for Pittsfield!

#### To the Voters of House District 13 (Chichester and Pittsfield)

The General Election that will determine how we are governed for the next two years is less than a month away! As your current representative, I now find myself in an unusual position. Having been defeated in the September primary, my name will not be printed on the ballot for the General Election. However, so many constituents in both Pittsfield and our new district partner, Chichester, have reached out to me expressing support that I have decided to offer myself as a write-in candidate. People are asking for alternatives to the radical ideologies now sweeping our state. Sally Kelly of Chichester and I are that alternative among the candidates in House District 13. We offer balanced approaches, a devotion to bridging divides, and real experience with both municipal and state governance. Sally is on the ballot, but it will be necessary to write my name in the blank space provided, to limit the influence of out-of-state money and the radical agenda. Together we can make Pittsfield and Chichester into a strong and resilient district, where all our citizens thrive.

Representative Jim Allard

#### **Supervisors of the Checklist Session**

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Thursday, October 27th at the Town Hall from 7pm to 7:30pm to make corrections and register new voters for the State General Election Day on November 8, 2022. This will be the last day to register or make corrections until election day.

Roberta J. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Hast, Ammy L. Ramsey Supervisors of the Checklist

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

October 22 - The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission Harvest Fest from 12-3pm (rain date October 29) at the FB Argue Recreation Area (Town Beach) on Clark Street. Again, this year, there will be horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin carving and decorating, (at 2-pm) -Costume parade, Fall Photo Op, Pie Eating contests (1pm, 1:45pm and 2:15pm) and vendors. There will be a cookout: hotdog-chips-water for \$3 or hamburger-chips-water for \$5. New this year will be a Chili Cookoff (winners will be announced at 2:30pm), Journeys End Farm products, and hopefully many more. If your group or small business would like to take part in the festivities, you can let us know by calling 603 290-4068. We will also be awarding some prizes for best costumes this year, so wear your costume to join in the fun.

Harvest Fest Chili Cookoff – the first 10 people to register will be in the Cookoff! Powerstrips will be available for you to plug in your crockpot creations! Please register by sending your name to minnibump@gmail.com

The PES PTO will host Trunk or Treat – Calling all Ghouls & Goblins- Join us at Globe Parking lot on Sat., Oct. 22 at 6:30-8:30pm. For registration form, please email pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org

South Pittsfield Community Club Turkey Supper on Sat., Oct. 22 from 5-6:30pm at the Clubhouse on 444 Dowboro Rd. "All You Can Eat" – Eat In or Take Out. Menu is Turkey, stuffing, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, drink, and homemade pies. Prices are: Adults - \$12, children ages 6-12 - \$8 and Under age 6 – Free.

For the entire month of October, **Pittsfield Elementary School PTO** will receive \$1 from every \$2.50 Community Bag sold at: Hannaford, 174 First NH Turnpike, Northwood NH.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club is hosting the annual Penny Sale on Saturday, November 5 at the PMHS gym. If any business or group is interested in donating items for the raffles, please let us know. We usually look for at least 3 items (one for each bank) generally in the value range of \$10-30, or higher priced items to go into our silent auction. Items may be dropped off at Northway Bank on Main St., Pittsfield; mailed to us at PO BOX 104, Pittsfield; or

pickup arrangements may be made. Please contact us at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com

November 6 - The Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5K will be held at 9am on Sunday, November 6 at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. For the 8th year, Catamount Womenaid is welcoming runners and walkers of all ages to its fall 5K race. Seasoned runners, as well as walking groups and families, appreciate the scenic route with dirt, gravel, and paved sections. Children 8 and younger will run a shorter course in the Free Kids' Run at 9:45. For registration and info, go to

www.catamountwomenaid.org The first 100 to register will receive a free hat and a swag bag of goodies. Spectators are welcome and refreshments are free. Parking is close and easy; turn in to the fairgrounds at the main gate at 34 Stage Road, Deerfield.

**November 8 - The State General Election** will be held on Tues., Nov 8. Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's office, or visit the town website at <a href="https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov">www.pittsfieldnh.gov</a> Absentee ballots will be mailed upon receipt of the completed application.

St. Stephen's Church - Church musician needed to play piano (organ is also available though not required) for Sunday morning services, 9:30 - 10:30, at St. Stephen's Church, 50 Main St., Pittsfield, NH to start as soon as available. We are a small (but enthusiastic!) parish, averaging 15-25 parishioners each Sunday; no choir. Pay is \$150 per Sunday, plus mileage. For more information contact Katie Jones at wwjones349@aol.com

The Victory Workers 4-H Club is selling Candy Bars! \$1 each. All proceeds benefit our local Victory Workers 4-H Club directly—club programming, educational field trips and scholarship programs. Please contact Mark Riel at 603-491-2524 or contact any 4-H Club member.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Beth Chase on Wed. I hope you enjoy your special day

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Rick & Beth Chase last Sunday.



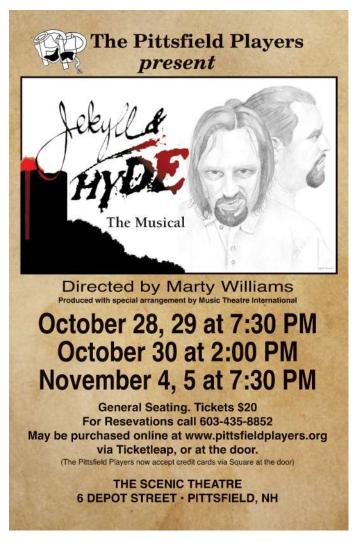




#### Meet the NH House of Representatives Candidates for Pittsfield and Chichester

October 26, 7pm

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night for State Representatives for Chichester and Pittsfield, on Wed., Oct. 26 from 7-8pm at the PMHS Lecture Hall. Cards will be available for you to write down questions. A moderator will ask each candidate to respond to the same question. Folks from both towns are urged to attend. For more information please call 603-848-1553.



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# **Cooks Corner Apple Muffins**

This week we're featuring another great recipe from Corine Miller. These muffins are fabulous! If there are no nut allergies in your family, I highly recommend adding the chopped walnuts. These are



fantastic for a healthy, grab & go breakfast, but they're also lovely as a dessert – warmed up and served with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. MP Christakos

34 cup vegetable oil

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

2 cups all purpose flour

14 tsp baking soda

34 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp salt

1 & ½ cups diced apples

½ cup raisins

½ cup walnuts (optional)

Heat oven to 400, beat together oil and sugar, for about 2 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla, beat for 1 minute. Add dry ingredients. Stir just to combine. Add apples, raisins and walnuts (if using).

Bake in prepared muffin pan for 20 to 25 minutes.

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#### **Select Board Review October 11, 2022**

Amsden Surveying brought us up to date on completing the job at 36 Main St. He is ready to put his stamp on the plat and set pins.

Chief Collins introduced Pittsfield's newest police recruit, Seth Guyer. We voted to hire Seth and welcomed him to town.

The Joy Street sewage pumping station is in desperate need of a new pump and bubbler. The vast majority of the town's sewage passes through this line and we cannot have it down. There are funds available from a grant, so we voted to use some of it to pay the nearly \$200k cost of the job. We managed to wring about 15 years additional life out of the expected life of the pump/bubbler.

Dan Schroth came in with a request to add money into next year's budget proposal for a study on reducing Pittsfield's carbon footprint to help reduce global warming. He's going to return with a specific dollar request.

We had a discussion regarding sewer fee abatement requests. Sewer bills are based on water meter usage reports we get from Pennichuck Water Co. Water used to wash cars, fill pools, and keep the lawn green is part of the equation, and sewer bills reflect that use, as well as what goes into the sewage treatment system, sometimes causing a significant spike in the bill. Homeowners have a couple of options: install a separate meter on an outside hose bib so water used that doesn't go into the system will be deducted from the bill, or (in the case of filling a pool) take pictures of the meter before and after the period it takes to fill it. Either way, contacting the town **BEFORE** you use a lot of water outside the system is imperative! *Carl Anderson* 



# GETTING TO THE POLLS JUST GOT A BIT EASIER THANKS TO CONCORD AREA TRANSIT AND MID-STATE TRANSIT

CONCORD AREA TRANSIT AND MID-STATE TRANSIT WILL OPEN A SPECIAL VOTERS SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

(Concord, NH | October 7, 2022) Concord Area Transit (CAT) and Mid-State Transit (MST), services of Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc., are pleased to announce they are adding a

special Voter Shuttle Service to help residents within the service region get to the polls on November 8 for the general election!

CAT and MST shuttle bus services will be available on November 8 to help residents get to the polls. This service will pick up individuals from their requested pick-up location, drop off at their polling location and will return a short time later for the return trip, making it very convenient to get out and vote this election cycle. This service is available to any voting age individual going to the polls in Belknap and Merrimack Counties on Election Day.

Call any time before 2:30 pm Monday, November 7 to schedule the service by calling our call center at 603- 225-1989. You will receive a call the afternoon before the general election with the pickup time window. For residents living along the CAT bus route with a polling location also along the route, our mobility manager can help plan the trip on our regular bus service.



#### **School Board Update**

The School Board had a full agenda for our last meeting on October 6th. Mr. Wiley updated the Board about the ongoing professional development around student behavior and the continued work towards improving appropriate student behavior at PES. Mr. Wiley's update also included some nice student work samples and snapshots of how PES recognized 9/11 and Constitution Day. The Board was pleased to read an update from the new reading specialist at the elementary school, Ms. Nicole Davis. In her report, Ms. Davis outlined the current literacy assessment schedule, highlighted her organization of the school's Title I library, and explained how the Title I team will use the literacy data to identify students for targeted instruction and interventions.

Mr. Hamilton's report also highlighted the many ways PMHS observed 9/11 and Constitution Day. The Board was proud to hear how Pittsfield High School was awarded the Division IV Runner-Up NHIAA Sportsmanship Award for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a great honor for our school and town! Mr. Hamilton's update also chronicled the proactive work the school is doing for improving student conduct. In his report, Mr. Hamilton focused on informing the Board and the community about the philosophical approach the school takes when dealing with student conduct. At the end of the first quarter, Mr. Hamilton will share data related to student behavior to illustrate this more specifically.

Mr. Lane's report centered on the budget and the upcoming tuition study. The proposed budget will now be reviewed and discussed by the Board at our upcoming meeting on October 20th.

The Board was also given a presentation summarizing the findings of the tuition study, feasibility study, and research into tuitioning students out for high school. The Board will host a community night to give this presentation and answer any questions on Thursday, October 27th at 6:30. We encourage all community members to attend. Materials related to the meeting (the presentation, spreadsheet comparisons on budget costs, tuition costs to other districts, feasibility study findings, approximations on renovation and building costs, and the tuition study presented to the community in 2021) are all available on the district website.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 20th at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there.

Molly Goggin, mgoggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org 603-387-1396

#### Social Security . . . Working People's Investment!

When my social security arrives each month, I remember in my youth I did not consider one day I would be old and retired . . . and need income!

The genius of Social Security is that American workers contribute a small paycheck percentage throughout their working lives, a working person's retirement investment! Social Security contributions are pooled, managed, earn interest and become available at a certain age OR in case of a disability.

Social Security is not partisan. There are millions of us retirees: independents, democrats and republicans! We all benefit from our lifetime of hard work! Monthly social security checks are not large, but for millions of senior Americans, it is ALL they have to live on!

Republican senators and congress promise that upon regaining control they will phase out Social Security and Medicare (also paid for by paycheck contributions and lifetime premiums). We need to consider some very important issues:

- Do you have grandparents or parents who are seniors? If their hard-earned investment is stolen from them, who will support them? Who will pay their medical bills?
- If someone in your family (or you) becomes disabled due to accident or illness, who will pay to support them or provide care for them? Or pay for their healthcare?

Social Security is a lifeline for millions of Americans, an investment made by each worker for decades. Social Security must be protected from greedy privatizers and from their political enablers! Vote wisely!

Gail Laker-Phelps, Chichester



## \*\* **VOTE** \*\*

# Sally Kelly Key Issues:

\*\*REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES by funding education in a fair and equitable way & eliminating costly programs

\*\*REDUCE UTILITY COSTS through diversification of resources & a deep examination of the Public Utility Commission policies & practices

\*\*ENSURE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY for all NH citizens by not having the government make deeply personal & medical decisions for the women of NH

#### **Chichester & Pittsfield**

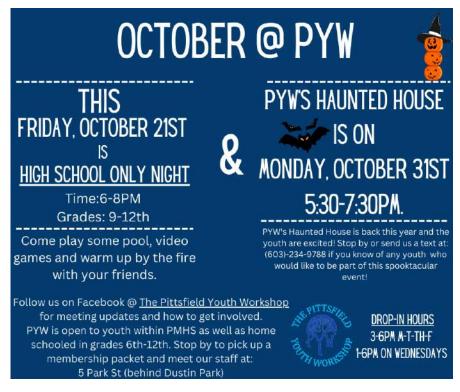
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#### **Dear Voters**,

# WRITE IN YOUR VOTE FOR **JAMES ALLARD**

Please support Jim Allard for NH State Representative. He knows his stuff. He has served as Chair of the Pittsfield Board of Selectman.. He has served two terms as a State Rep. He is a registered **Republican** who has done well; a non-politician who has been a benefit to our town and our state and our country. He listens, and researches every issue before he votes. He knows his vote is important to his constituents as well as to himself. He can be counted on. So, write in Jim Allard as your choice for State Rep. Let's get it done right this time. Jim Thyng, Marilyn Thyng



#### The New Hampshire Way

After the 2020 election, I became more interested in government, especially the NH State House. With the Republican majority, I expected a lot. I attended public hearings, state house rallies, and legislative sessions. I followed the voting records of the State Representatives.

The conservative leadership took on many problems that faced our state with solid results. Fiscal responsibility was prioritized and our legislature was one of the few that reduced the budget. As a result, the state has a surplus and positive growth that is still present during this period of devastating inflation. The strong economy is also evident from the 2.0% unemployment rate based on a growing workforce. New Hampshire's economy is the strongest in the nation.

When Covid struck, the state followed a less intrusive path to our constitutional liberty. The result was an outbreak that was one of the lowest in the nation. Then New Hampshire systematically began shutting

down, taking money from the Federal Government. This oppressive policy was not aligned with our "Live Free or Die" philosophy.

Conservatives worked hard to pass bills to correct this overreach. The state will not enforce vaccine mandates or require businesses to enforce vaccine mandates. Healthcare facility visitation policies have been enacted to protect family members' rights to act as advocates. Over-the-counter Ivermectin, masking choice, and shared state of emergency powers were passed, but the governor vetoed them. This is not the New Hampshire way.

School choice and parental rights were also hot topics, with Education Freedom Account and school content addressed. The republican led State House did a great job over the last two years. Cyril and I are like-minded people deciding to run as a team. It would be an honor to serve Chichester/Pittsfield as state representatives. Clayton Wood & Cyril Aures



#### **Express your Opinion!**

Do you have opinions you would like to share?

#### **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. <u>No submission</u> is guaranteed publication.

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#### To the Voters of Pittsfield

Greetings.

My name is Sally Kelly and I am running to serve you in the NH House.

My husband, Doug, and I have lived in Chichester for 43 years.

Chichester joined Pittsfield for House District #13. On Tuesday, November 8, you will vote for two candidates to represent both towns.

Between 2006 and 2014, I served three terms in the Legislature. This coming January, I am retiring from my job of 40+ years and am ready to commit to serving you on a full-time basis!

I've spent 4 decades helping to keep independent flooring retailers independent as part of the senior team of CCA Global, the world's largest retail cooperative.

Campaigning is invigorating. I'm getting to meet many of you through knocking on doors, attending events, yard sales, restaurants, farm stands, and interacting with Positively Pittsfield on FaceBook. I LOVE the *Post*. Its volunteers are a wonderful testament to your town!

In Chichester we still bemoan the passing of *The Sun*.

I was brought up in an Irish Catholic family in a Boston suburb. My mom taught school and my dad worked in a machine shop. Religion and politics were important parts of our lives; we were encouraged to step up and give back to God, family and community. This holds as true today as it did then.

I give back by serving on the Board of Pine Haven Boys Center and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. I am an active member of IHM in Concord.

Thank you for this opportunity. I hope over the next two years to continue to get to know you and your town!

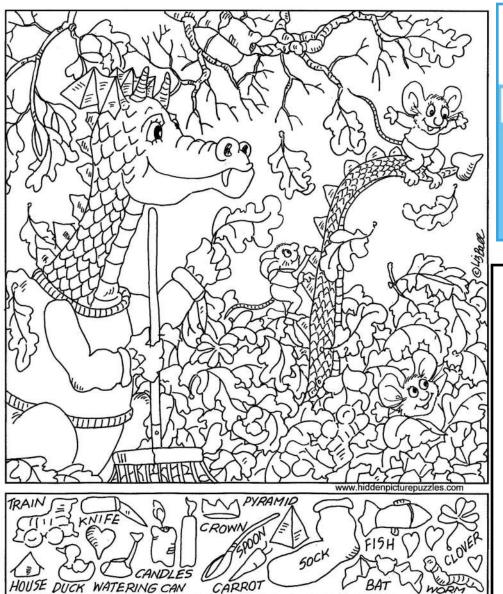
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#### To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester

I am Dan the Stoneman, running for State Representative, Democratic Party. These are my motivating issues: climate change, women's rights, voting rights and public schools. There was a major science report in 2010 that said we are heating up the earth due to the burning of fossil fuels, and that if we didn't do anything about it we would experience hotter temperatures, fires and floods. Ok that happened. Now the science experts tell us to get ready for mass immigration, which has already begun. The Republicans who are running against myself and Sally Kelly from Chichester can't seem to see past the end of their noses. The science also tells us the earth has warmed 1.1 degrees Celsius since the beginning of the Industrial Age, and for every .1 degree warming there will be new challenges and new problems.

I hope small towns like ours can vote money in their budgets to help us understand how our school and town operations impact our climate and some solutions to mitigate warming. And always remember we need to transform ourselves before we transform the world. We need to push past the feeling of hopelessness and show the kids we care and are willing to get off our duff to make their future something they can look forward to. I can't do this alone; please help. Dan the Stoneman

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## **Governor Chris Sununu Endorses Tax-Fighter Howard Pearl**



"Count me in as an enthusiastic supporter of Howard Pearl for State Senator. As a State Representative, Howard is a proven leader who gets the job done and always fights to protect our New Hampshire Advantage. The families and small businesses of Senate District 17 will be well served by Howard, and I urge everyone to vote for him." - Governor Chris Sununu

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