

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." *Albert Einstein*

May 8, 2024

WE CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS

In honor of **Teacher Appreciation Week**, May 6 – 10, we join the community of Pittsfield in expressing our thanks for your commitment and dedication to the education of our students. Tuesday, May 7, **Teacher Appreciation Day**, is a day for honoring our teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives.

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Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6343

Wed, May 8, 9:30am - The **Trustees of the Library** will meet at the Library.

Wed, May 8, 6:30pm - The **Pittsfield Historical Society** will host a free program "Music in Pittsfield: Past and Present." Please join Levi Gallup, Pittsfield Historical Society member, and Brian Combs, owner of Rocking Horse Studio in Pittsfield, for a look into Pittsfield's musical history and the making of music in Pittsfield today! The program will be held at the Pittsfield Historical Society Museum, 4 Oak Street. ALL are welcome!

Fri, May 10, 12-6pm and **Sat, May 11** from 9-12pm- Flowers that were ordered through the **Victory Workers 4-H Club** Fundraiser may be picked up at Davis Fuels, 1109 Suncook Valley Hwy in Epsom. Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers. It was a great fundraiser!!

Sat, May 11, 8:30-9:30am, FREE Community Breakfast at **Joy Church**. All are welcome!

Sun, May 12, 1-4pm, The **Pittsfield Historical Society** Museum will be open. Please stop in and browse all the wonderful memorabilia from Pittsfield.

Wed, May 15 and May 29, 10am, **Senior Center** shows a movie every other Wednesday.

Fri, May 17 & Sat, May 18, 8-4pm, **Project Inspire 603** Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held at 88 Kelsey Mill Rd., Northwood. 100% of proceeds go towards supplies. The event is held rain or shine.

Sat, May 18, 9-1pm, **3rd Annual Autos For Veterans CAR SHOW** at the Globe/MSA lot, 37 Loudon Rd. Vehicle entry fee is \$15. All proceeds benefit Humble Grunt Work, supporting all branches of the Military. We are looking for: sponsorship spots, vendors of crafts/business/food, award sponsors, prizes or items for the raffle table, gift cards, cash to purchase items, various items from your business. Contact Jennifer Prusia at 603-496-1274 or operationveteransevents@gmail.com

Sat, June 1, 8-3pm, Rain or Shine. Save the date for the **Multi-Town Yard Sale**, sponsored by the Greater

Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce. Registration closes on May 30. Both digital and printed maps will be available Fri, May 31. Digital maps will be available on the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce [Facebook page](#) or their [website](#): <https://pittsfieldchamber.org> Registration fee is \$10 and may be dropped off at the Epping Well & Pump office at 26 Main Street, Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to "Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce." For more information, call or text Kathy at 603-833-1434.

Sat, June 1, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 50 Main St., Pittsfield will participate in the Town-wide Yardsale. There will be lots of "stuff": household items, kitchen-ware, glassware (everyday & elegant), seasonal items, tools & workshop items, fabric & yarn, crafting items, yard & garden items, and baked goods. AND HOTDOGS! At least come and have a hotdog with us. Proceeds go 50/50 to Church Outreach/Maintenance.

Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd., is open for the season: Thur - Sat, 9:30am-6pm, and Sun, 10:30-4pm. The **4-H Young Entrepreneurs** have stocked up the store. Please come and check it out!

Pittsfield Budget Committee - There are several vacancies on the Budget Committee. Please contact Town Moderator Jackson Marston or the town hall if interested. The application may be found on the town website www.pittsfieldnh.gov

Attention PHS Class of 1984 - it's our 40th Class Reunion this year!!! Save the date: Sat, Sept. 14 at Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford. More info and invitations will be out soon!

Accepting Nominations for Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year!! It's important to recognize people for their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town. Please submit your nomination with a short note supporting your choice of Citizen of the Year for 2024. Nominations may be sent to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations should be received by Fri, June 21.

Happy Birthday wishes to Noah Wittenberg on Thurs, May 9, and to Diane Bishop on Fri, May 10. I hope you both enjoy your special day!

Select Board Review--April 23, 2024

A Watson St. resident contacted the Board regarding the possibility of lowering the speed limit on their street. This particular street is narrower than most, as well as congested, and the Board indicated it would consider the request after an upcoming (date tbd) public hearing for several changes to the traffic ordinance.

Officer Hazel of the Police Dept. submitted his resignation, with regret, due to his inability to find suitable rental housing in or near Pittsfield in almost a year since his rehiring. Hazel was an asset to the Dept. and we hate to lose him.

Chris Hill was reappointed to the Conservation Commission. Lois Giegerich and David Stasiak were reappointed to Parks and Recreation. Thanks to all of them for continuing to step up for these volunteer positions. We'd like to see some new blood help out as well, so how about it, people?

Pittsfield Historical Society and Boy Scouts of America were granted charitable exemption status for their properties. Two Veteran's tax credits were approved. One elderly exemption was denied due to a disqualifying amount of total assets. Three solar energy systems were granted tax exemptions for that part of their assessments. A \$5,200 current use land change tax was assessed.

The Fire Dept. requested Support Company volunteer Garret Mullen be transitioned to paid call member. Several inactive Support Company volunteers were terminated and equipment that was issued will be returned to the Dept. Firefighter/AEMT Dylan Sargent's performance review and grade step increase were approved by the Board.

Pittsfield presently has just one tax payment plan in place, which is current. The plan was extended because the taxpayer is making good on our agreement.

The Board was informed that due to the Pittsfield Legion Post Commander's illness, there was insufficient manpower to conduct the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony this year by that group and therefore would be cancelled. The Board of Selectmen unanimously found this to be unacceptable and consequently we'll see that this very important observance continues this year. Selectman Jim Allard volunteered to organize the details, and Selectwoman Carole Richardson offered to coordinate those needs with Jim. The Board as a whole will see that the ceremony goes on proudly and uninterrupted, and we invite and strongly encourage the residents of Pittsfield to join us at Dustin Park on Main St. at 1 PM, May 26th to remember and honor all those who gave their lives so that we remain free. Carving out a few minutes of one day certainly seems like the least we can all do, considering their sacrifice to the country. *Carl Anderson*



Drake Field Summer Recreation Program

The summer program will be starting on June 18 and will run until July 26. Hours are from 8am

until 12pm, Monday - Friday, unless there is a field trip.

The program is free to Pittsfield children in grades 1-8, with a small charge for some field trips. Breakfast and lunch are provided free for those who want it. The program consists of sports, arts and crafts, games, and field trips.

For more information contact Louise Sawyer at 603-267-6733. *Louise Sawyer, Drake Field Rec Program*

Send the Post Your Messages to PMHS Class of 2024

Each year the *Pittsfield Post* prints a special color edition that celebrates the current graduating class of Pittsfield Middle High School. Do you have a message for the graduates? Then start writing and send it in! The content of your message is free and up to you - perhaps words of encouragement or support, advice, a pertinent memory, or just good wishes for the future. We will collect messages through May 30. Messages may be emailed to:

pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org or mailed to *Pittsfield Post*, Post Office Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. *The Pittsfield Post Volunteers*



Peggy Chagnon



Peggy Ann Chagnon, age 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, April 25, 2024 at the home of her son, Robert Chagnon and his wife, Poullette.

She was born in Newmarket, NH on February 15, 1932, one of 5 children to the late William and Mary (Barrett) Audette.

Peggy worked for the Pittsfield Leathers Company, Pittsfield Shoe Company, and then for Sprague Electric in Concord, NH until her retirement in 1997. After her retirement, she devoted and enjoyed many years volunteering at the Pittsfield Senior Center.

She also enjoyed the company of her family and attending the sporting events of her great-grandchildren, as well as playing Bingo, making jigsaw puzzles, doing word search books and, especially, caring for her parakeets.

In addition to her parents, Peggy is predeceased by her husband, Bernard Chagnon, and her brothers, William, Richard and Robert Audette.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Perkins and her husband, Terry of Boscawen, NH; her sons, Robert Chagnon and his wife, Poullette, and Dennis Chagnon and his wife, Dorcas, both of Pittsfield, NH; her sister, Marjorie (Audette) Bickford of Newmarket, NH; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Waters Funeral Home, 50 South Main Street, Concord, NH on Friday, May 3, 2024 .

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Granite VNA Hospice, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301.





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Find the Hidden Objects





Cook's Corner Strawberry Strudels

This is my favorite time of year! The beautiful berries and fruits are starting to show up at the market.

This recipe is fun to make, and quite

versatile. We use strawberry preserves here, but you can easily substitute blueberry preserves (top with fresh blueberries); or raspberry jam (with fresh raspberries); or even apricot preserves, which I love and when I make these with apricot preserves, I typically top the strudels with fresh cut peaches. Yum-O! These are kind of like homemade "Pop Tarts," only much better and healthier. They are a delightful dessert, but also great for breakfast or brunch. Bon appetit!

MP Christakos

1 (17.3 oz) package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed

½ cup strawberry preserves

2 tsp cornstarch

¾ tsp grated lemon zest (1 lemon)

1 large egg

¼ cup plus 1 TBSP heavy whipping cream, divided

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted

¼ tsp vanilla extract

1/8 tsp kosher or coarse salt

Heat oven to 400. Unroll 1 puff pastry sheet on a clean work surface; cut into 6 rectangles. Place on a parchment lined, large, rimmed baking sheet, at least ½ inch apart. Repeat process with a second piece of puff pastry sheet; set aside.

In a small bowl, stir together preserves, cornstarch and lemon zest. Place a heaping TBSP of the preserves mixture in the center of each pastry rectangle, leaving a ½ inch border around the edges. Whisk together egg and 1 TBSP of the cream in a small bowl. Lightly brush the pastry edges of the reserved top rectangles with the egg mixture.

Prick the reserved pastry rectangles all over with a fork, then place them on top of the preserve-covered rectangles, pressing to seal the edges. Crimp the edges with a fork. Brush the tops of the strudels with the remaining egg mixture. Bake in the oven until golden brown, about 18-20 minutes, rotating the pan half way through the bake time. Remove from the oven. While the strudels are still warm, flatten them slightly. Whisk together powdered sugar, vanilla extract, salt and remaining ¼ cup of cream until smooth. Drizzle evenly over the tops of the strudel, in a diagonal pattern. Top with fresh, sliced strawberries to serve.



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May 2 was our first session during “Crossover,” when the House votes on the approved Senate Bills. Fifty-five bills went through consent, and 39 made it to the floor for amendments or discussions. The Senate had a great day, with over 80% getting approval.

Floor bills that were discussed on May 2: **SB359**, which raised the minimum age for marriage from 16 to 18, was passed after two failed amendments; 192-174. Cyril and I supported this bill if emancipated 16-year-olds were exempt.

SB417 related to out-of-home placements for children to improve safety, and preference based on placement with siblings and proximity to the child’s community, passed; 191-174.

SB376 established a mandatory minimum 5-year sentence for transporting into NH with the intent to distribute fentanyl class drugs, failed; 229-137. Most representatives felt that more needed to be done!

SB414 established a mandatory minimum sentence for the distribution of controlled drugs with death to 10 years, which was tabled; 340-24. This law definitely needs more work, and the vote agreed!

SB563 prohibited state and local government entities from adopting sanctuary policies to prohibit or impede the enforcement of the federal immigration law, and was tabled; 188-177.

SB219 required school districts to post mandatory reports of school expenses, including average cost per pupil, average teacher salaries, and top administrator salaries, which failed; 178-172. The mandatory report filing is very confusing. To their credit, the Pittsfield School Board has requested a very standard breakdown from the superintendent that lists complete salaries for all school personnel.

SB341 required mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents, failed; 182-179.

SB380 moved the state primary date from September to June, failed; 190-176.

SB403 addressed the healthcare workforce in order to improve communication and make directives more accommodating for employees, passed; 188-178. This was an attempt to make these jobs more appealing to the workforce.

SB496, which directed the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a climate and health protection program, passed; 186-182.

SB538 established a tax relief program for office conversion to residences, and provided changes to local government to adopt zoning changes related to parking requirements and lot size to sewer infrastructure, failed; 188-173. Cyril and I agreed that this bill just went too far, interfering with local land control!

And our favorite! **SB603** provided funds to speed up the release of unused 603 exchange phone numbers by adding \$100,000/yr to the effort already in progress. “603” is an amazing brand that NH needs to preserve for as long as possible. Opponents say that we are only putting off the inevitable. We agree, but we feel that it is worth it to keep the brand. A seven-digit number not leading with a 1 or 0 will give you 8,000,000 possibilities. With a population of 1,400,000, you do the math! The legislature did and passed the bill, 257-120.

It is a pleasure to serve the citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester. If you have any questions, please contact Cyril and Clayton at info@ClaytonCyril4House.com

Respectfully, your Representatives *Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood.*

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Stuffed Pasta w/ Marinara Italian Sausage Pepper/Onion Teriyaki Meatballs Chef's Choice	6 Cinco de Mayo Taco Pie Topped w/ Cornbread, Rice, Sour Cream & Salsa, Mixed Vegetable, Fruit Cup	7	8	9 Pulled Pork and Onions Whole Grain Dinner Roll Coleslaw, Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Cup	10
Teriyaki Chicken Pulled Pork w Sauce Pub Burger w/ Gravy Chef's Choice	13 Mother's Day Celebrate Chicken Stew with Biscuit Vegetable, Small Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cup Apple Pie Day	14	15	16 Chicken Taco Salad, Shred Chz, Tomato, Cucumbers, Blk Bean Salad, Salsa/ Sour Cream Dressing, Dinner Roll, Fruit Cup	17
Kielbasa w. Sauerkraut Chicken Stew Sweet and Sour Meatballs Chef's Choice	20 Baked Fish Fillet w/Tartar, Potato Wedges Vegetables, Fruit Cup WG Dinner Roll	21	22	23 BBQ Chicken Strips Coleslaw, Potato Salad Fruit Cup, Dinner Roll	24
Breaded Fish Fillet w Tartar Chicken Broc Rice Casserole American Chop Suey Chef's Choice	27 CLOSED FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	28	29	30 Chicken and Rice Soup Vegetable, Dinner Roll Fruit Cup	31

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