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A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"No one in your life will ever love you as your mother does. There is no love as pure, unconditional, and strong as a mother's love." - Hope Edelman

May 10, 2023

Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Must file by June 30, 2023

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$37,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$47,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. ****Please note: the application must be accompanied by a copy of the 2022 final issued tax bill.** To request forms, please email forms@dra.nh.gov or call the Forms Line at (603) 230-5001. If you have a substantive question or need assistance completing a form, please contact Taxpayer Services at (603) 230-5920. *NH Department of Revenue Administration*

Summertime, When the Living is Easy... so the *Pittsfield Post* will appear every Two Weeks

New Hampshire is wonderful in every season, but summer has *so many* fun-filled distractions. Lakes, mountains, the seashore, ice cream stands, community theater and music galore, farmers' markets, and lobster rolls all beckon. To help us fully enjoy the days of summer, the *Pittsfield Post* will be published every two weeks from Memorial Day to Labor Day. *The Pittsfield Post Volunteers*



To the Readers of the Pittsfield Post

thank you
for your
awesomeness

I would like to give a **huge shout-out** to *Pittsfield Youth Workshop*! They offered fantastic activities during April vacation. The work that Zach and the other staff members put into having a fun, safe place for kids to gather with activities and field trips is phenomenal. From Ping-pong to Block Party Social, movies and disc golf.

My son came home one afternoon and told me that he is "trying to be a man now, mommy. I want to be with my friends." He had a great time. Thank you PYW for giving the older kids a safe place to gather and have fun. *Jessica Drouin*

Town Crier

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

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, Pittsfield, NH. Hours are Thurs-Sat 9:30am-6pm, and Sunday 10:30am-4pm.

Plants ordered from the Victory Workers 4-H Club – will be available for pickup on **Fri, May 12** from 11-6pm, and on **Sat, May 13** from 10:30-12pm, at Davis Fuels on Rte 28 in Epsom. Thank you to everyone who purchased plants and supported the local 4-H Club – it is very much appreciated!

Vernal Pool Ecology Walk at Graylag on Sat, May 13 from 10-11:30am. Mark West, wetland scientist and Graylag board member, will lead a family friendly walk into the woods to visit one of Graylag's vernal pools. Learn about the life cycles of frogs and salamanders and explore why vernal pools are important features of our landscape. For all events, please call us at 603-435-5555 or email anne@graylagcabins.com with questions or to let us know you are coming. Programs will begin from Midway Cabin, about ½ mile down the driveway at 320 Clough Road, Graylag Nature Preserve.

The Pittsfield Historical Society Museum will be open on Sun, May 14 from 1-4pm. Please stop in and see all the wonderful artifacts. You will be amazed what is housed there!

American Legion Scholarship Peterson-Cram Post #75 is offering two scholarships to students from Pittsfield Middle High School in 2023. Contact your school counselor for details. Forms must be submitted by **May 15**.

The First Congregational Church Pasta Supper Night Mon, May 15 at 5:30pm. Cost is by donation and everyone is welcome. Please join us!

Pittsfield Old Home Day Sat, July 22, the theme is "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. Contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com New members and

volunteers for that day are always needed. The next meeting is Wed, May 17 at 6:30pm.

Project Inspire 603 Big, Huge, Fun Plant Sale!!! May 19 and 20, 8-4pm 88 Kelsey Mill Rd, Northwood. Project Inspire 603 was founded by Dee & George Ashford of Northwood, in honor of Vanessa Stevens, a special education teacher who lost her battle with leukemia in 2016. Vanessa worked tirelessly to provide her students with the best education, going out of her way to make sure students' needs were met. She brought passion, energy and enthusiasm to the classroom every day, sharing her love of learning with her students. It is their hope to carry on that love for learning by providing teachers with the necessary supplies to keep their classroom successful. Project Inspire 603 has raised and donated \$25,000 to help 89 classrooms. Their most important source of funds comes from this annual sale! All proceeds go directly towards supplies for classrooms. Check them out on Facebook: Project Inspire 603.

Old Home Day Craft Fair is looking for vendors for their Craft Fair on Sat, July 22 at Dustin Park from 9-1pm. 10' x 10' spaces in an outdoor venue. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a vendor, send an email to ohdvendorfair@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Community Organizations: Join the Old Home 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 Sat, July 22 (Old Home Day!). Calling all former students (and families) of Pittsfield Academy or Pittsfield High School – join us at the High School, Oneida Street from 2-5pm to catch up with schoolmates, share light refreshments and a self guided tour of the school, and a chicken BBQ at 5:30 (\$10 each). The committee has done its best to reach a key contact person from each class to help spread the word about the reunion. Please spread the word to any of your classmates, friends and family! For more information and an Invitation & RSVP form, or to volunteer, contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com Go to: <https://sau51.org/pmhs> and click on the ALUMNI tab to view the Invitation and RSVP form. The next

planning meeting is on **Mon, May 15** at 6:30pm at the PMHS Media Center (library), or there is a Zoom Meeting option.

The Pittsfield Players present the comedy "Jack of Diamonds," directed by Carole Neveux, **May 19 & 20** at 7:30pm and **May 21** at 2pm. Call (603)435-8852 to reserve tickets over the phone, or visit our website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org

Pittsfield Senior Center, SCHEDULE CHANGE, due to Anne, the coordinator, being out on medical leave....don't worry there are still plenty of things to do!! During May - the center will be closed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Monday and Thursday: 8:15-9 "Sweatin To The Oldies," all welcome, 9-9:30 - Coffee & Chit Chat, 9:30-11 "Bingo & 50/50" 5 cents a card; Wednesday 9-11 It's the triple C! "Coffee, Chit Chat, Cribbage." All levels welcome. We will even teach you how to play! Feel free to bring what you're working on and hang out with friends. There will be NO brunch/lunch on Wednesdays. Call (603)435-8482 if you have questions.

Registration is open for the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Multi-Town Yard sale (Sale day is June 3) \$10 registration fee. Call or text Kathy 603-833-1434.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop is once again participating in NH Gives and they hope you'll consider helping them keep PYW free for all youth participants. They are excited to share that once again The Foss Family Foundation has agreed to generously match all donations made during NH Gives, up to \$17,500 - simply amazing! The goal is to raise \$40,000 in one day, and we need your help. If you are interested in learning more, helping PYW spread the word, or contributing your own match or challenge, call 603-435-8272.

Happy Birthday wishes to Noah Wittenberg on Tuesday, Diane Bishop on Weds. and Denise Robinson on Fri. I hope you enjoy your special day!

BINGO SATURDAYS 6PM
To Benefit **IBEW Local 490**
KIDS PYBA FIRST 48 Airport Road
Pittsfield Youth Baseball Association Concord
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM
www.facebook.com/pybabingo



Cooks Corner

Mother's Day Brunch Casserole

Mother's Day is Sunday! It's not too late to plan a lovely brunch for the special ladies in your life. Let's

celebrate our amazing Moms, Step-Moms, Grandmoms, Great-grandmoms, and those wonderful women who just feel like your mom. Here's a delightful and delectable recipe that is sure to bring smiles. Plus, it's loaded with fresh veggies, which always make moms happy. You can substitute the ham for cooked sausage; and I've also made this with chopped zucchini instead of broccoli. This dish is great served with either fresh biscuits or toast, a nice chopped salad alongside, and maybe some bacon. Be sure to also serve up lots of hugs, kisses and appreciation for all that moms do. Bon appetit!
MP Christakos

- 8 to 10 frozen hash brown potato cakes
- 2 cups coarsely chopped broccoli
- ½ cup diced red or yellow onion (optional, very tasty)
- ½ cup diced tomato, pressed with paper towel to dry off (optional, but also tasty)
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 8 oz cooked ham, diced (about 1½ cups)
- 7 eggs
- 1 TBSP instant pancake mix (optional, but it thickens the egg nicely)
- 1 cup milk
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp dry mustard

Heat oven to 350. Grease a 3-quart baking dish; line with tin foil, then with a layer of parchment paper.

Arrange the potato patties on the bottom of the baking dish, then top with the broccoli, onion (if using), diced tomato (if using), Cheddar cheese and the ham.

In a bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, the 1 TBSP of pancake mix (if using) and the dry mustard. Whisk vigorously. Pour the egg mixture over the potato & vege mix in the baking dish.

Bake in the oven until edges are golden brown and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 to 45 minutes. Enjoy!

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The House was in session on May 4 for several hours. We are now in the transition period, so most bills that pass are on their way to the governor. So if you would like something to become law, it is time to write to Governor Sununu.

SCR 1 NH's First in the Nation Primary.

The Senate passed it unanimously and did a great job encapsulating the facts. NH's first primary was in 1918, and it was FITN. The legislature passed a law in 1920 that gave the Secretary of State power to move the primary up to 6 days to 2 weeks earlier than any other state. We have been FITN for over a century! Why would we let anyone take that away from us? The DNC has done everything that it can to take this away. But before you go after them, the RNC also tried the same play. Back then, a bipartisan stand kept us first, and it will be the same now. The resolution easily passed the House by 356-6.

SB 77- Student protections

SB 77 improved the rules on manifest educational hardship to allow for student reassignment to another district if problems like bullying get severely out of hand. It was passed on a partisan vote, and no Democrats voted yes!

SB 14 - Game Cameras

SB 14 passed by voice vote and allows game cameras for hunting. It also requires written permission with a yearly removal and renewal. Most constituents did not mind using game cameras but insisted that the property owner knows the owner and location.

SB 69 and 79 - Solar Energy Bills

SB 69 and 79 raise the net metering limit from 1 megawatt to 5 megawatts. SB 69 was tabled and only included nonprofit organizations. SB 79 passed and allowed this increase to private companies! Cyril and I are not in favor of this increase! A 5-megawatt facility is the size of cutting and clearing the trees for 5 football fields. This bill helps to create winners and losers since there is no risk in providing solar power. All the risk is with conventional that need to provide power during peak usage and buy the lower value solar during low usage periods. None of the NH energy agencies are in favor of this bill. This law was already in place and rarely got used. *Your Representatives Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood*



Caution!

Cantankerous Chickens Carousing

There is a Collection of Cantankerous Chickens that are Calmly Contemplating Carnivorous Catastrophes against the Current residents of Pittsfield! If they show up at your residence, YOU'VE BEEN COCKA DOODLE DOOMED! To Contain and Control these Chilling Cluckers. Call or text 603-470-6927 to Contact the Chicken Connoisseurs to Corral and Coup these Crazy, Calamitous Creatures!

If you have someone you think should have the pleasure of meeting these Chilling Chickens, just let us know and we'll send them that way!

Also please plan on attending the World Premier of the Pittsfield Middle High School Film Making project "Cocka Doodle Doom" on Thursday May 25 at the Pittsfield Middle High School Student Film Festival. The Film Festival will run from 3:00pm - 6:00pm in the Greenleaf Auditorium at Pittsfield Middle high School. This Film Festival features film projects from various New Hampshire High Schools. Come and check out all the student films. *The PMHS Film Making Learning Studio*



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Merrimack County 4-H Presentations



Members of the *Victory Workers 4-H Club* participated in Merrimack County 4-H Presents, held at Merrimack Valley on March 18. Members entering in the *photography competition* were Simon Hutchins, Addyson Benoit, Shelby Clark, Faith Mewkill, Owen Joubert, Joshua Chapman, Taylor Huse, Addison Clark, Parker Clark, Jeremiah Chapman, David St. George, Rose Koladish, Cynthia Pelletier, Garrick Pelletier, Addison Babcock, and Keagan Huse.

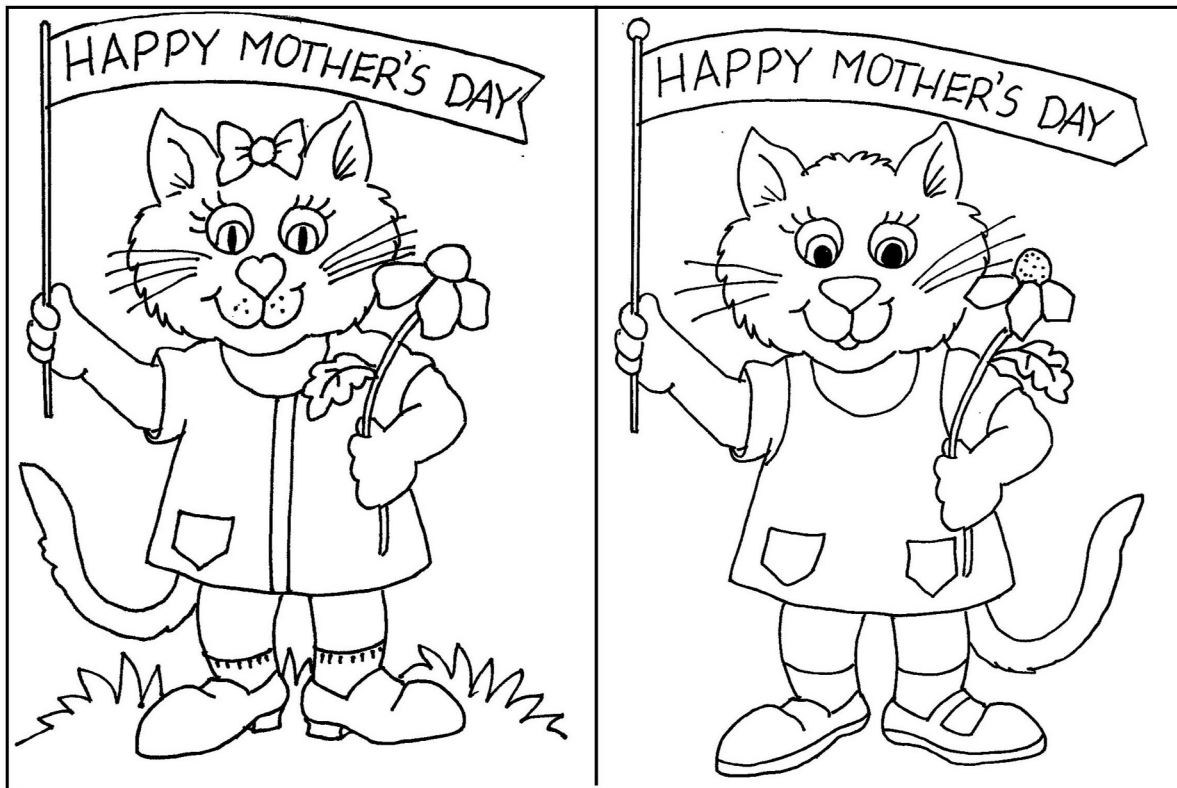
Members who received county recognition are Addyson Benoit, Shelby Clark, Simon Hutchins, Keagan Huse, Rose Koladish, Garrick Pelletier, Addison Clark, Parker Clark, Taylor Huse, and Owen Joubert. Member chosen to participate in the *Eastern States* is Keagan Huse.

Those who participated in the *posters competition* are Shelby Clark, Garrick Pelletier, and Cynthia Pelletier. Member who was chosen for county recognition is Shelby Clark. Members who participated in the *action exhibit competition* were Keagan and Taylor Huse, Addison Babcock, and Addyson Benoit. Members who were chosen for county recognition are Keagan Huse, Taylor Huse, and Addison Babcock. Members chosen to participate at Eastern States are Addison Babcock, and Keagan and Taylor Huse.

Members who participated in the *public speaking competition* are Jeremiah Chapman, Cynthia Pellitier, Kara Braley, Michaela St. George, Garrick Pellitier, Auren Dutra, Ariadne Borden, Erica Hutson, David St. George, and Olivia Osborn. Members chosen for county recognition are Erica Hutson, Cynthia Pelletier, David St. George, Kara Braley, and Michaela St. George. Members chosen to participate at Eastern States are Erica Hutson, Kara Braley, and Michaela St. George.

Member who participated in *interpretive reading* was Olivia Osborn. Members who did a *demonstration* were Montgomery Hutson and Faith Chapman. Members chosen for county recognition are Montgomery Hutson and Faith Chapman.

Cloverbuds who did *show and tell* were Evan Osborn, Payton Desrosiers, and Kinzlee Babcock. Cloverbuds who did the *pet rock showmanship* were Macarius Borden, and Kinzlee Babcock. Congratulations to all. -Keagan Huse



CAN YOU FIND 16 DIFFERENCES?

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THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Farmer plants the seeds,

The Farmer plants the seeds, *(Pretend to plant seeds)*

Hi, ho, the dairy-o,

The farmer plants the seeds.

The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*

The rain begins to fall...
(Hands flutter up and down)

The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*

The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*

We all sit down to eat...
(Pretend to eat)

10 SINGING

Sing "The Farmer Plants the Seeds."



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ANSWERS

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 Eyes
 Bow
 Tail
 Pocker
 Leaf
 Flower
 Shoes
 Socks
 Grass
 Flag
 Ball on banner
 Dress
 Whiskers
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