

PITTSFIELD POST

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"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodale

May 17, 2023

Pittsfield Players Present Jack of Diamonds May 19-21



Jack of Diamonds, directed by Carole Neveux and produced by Jon Martin, is a comedic mystery taking place in a common retirement home with uncommon residents. If you think that these seniors just sit around and play Bingo and knit - THINK AGAIN!

An unexpected guest arrives at the home, bringing with him pandemonium, chaos, and intrigue. Where are, or who has, the missing diamonds? Join us at the Scenic Theatre, Depot St., Pittsfield, on Friday or Saturday evening, May 19 and 20, at 7:30pm, or Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 2pm, and find out. Reserve your \$15 ticket by calling the theatre at 603-435-8852 or online at www.pittsfieldplayers.org, click TicketLeap. *Pittsfield Players*

Exhibition of Learning at Pittsfield Middle High School

The 11th annual Exhibition of Learning at Pittsfield Middle High School will be held on Thursday, May 25. Exhibition provides a unique opportunity for students to share with authentic audiences high quality work that demonstrates critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Examples of work include student writing, art work, performances, experiments, projects, videos, and presentations. Exhibition is open to the public from 12-7pm. Parents/guardians, friends, and community members are welcome to join us throughout the day. We hope to see you there! (Schedule on page 5) *Derek Hamilton, PMHS*

Town Crier

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

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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 please visit our website at 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, Pittsfield. Hours are Thurs-Sat, 9:30am-6pm, & Sun, 10:30am-4pm.

Save the Date, Sat, July 22, for Pittsfield Old Home Day and 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. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com. New members and volunteers for that day are always needed. The next meeting is Wed, May 17, at 6:30pm

Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet Wed., May 17, at 6:30pm at the Historical Society, Oak Street.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting is rescheduled for Thurs., May 18, at 7pm at the Community Center, lower level.

The South Pittsfield Community Club will hold their first Ham & Bean Supper on Sat, May 20, from 5-6:30pm at the Club House at 444 Dowboro Rd, Pittsfield. Cost for adults is \$10, children ages 6-12, \$5, and under age 6 are free. Eat in or take out! The menu is ham, baked beans, brown bread, potato salad, drinks and pies.

Pittsfield Senior Center, SCHEDULE CHANGE, due to Anne, the coordinator, being out on medical leave. During May the center will be closed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Call (603)435-8482 if you have questions.

Project Inspire 603 is a non-profit started by Dee & George Ashford in memory of their daughter, Vanessa Stevens. Vanessa was a special education teacher and her passion for teaching was a driving force for the Ashfords to keep her memory alive. They have donated school supplies to area schools in her memory. A perennial plant sale, birdhouses, garden décor and raffles support this wonderful effort, with supplies going to local schools. This year's plant sale will be held Fri, May 19, and Sat, May 20, from 8am-4pm at 88 Kelsey Mill Rd, Northwood. If you are interested in donating raffle items, please contact Dee at 603-716-4913 or visit their Facebook page for updates.

The "Field of Honor" is a living display of heroism flying as a patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans. This field honors all who are CURRENTLY SERVING, and those who HAVE SERVED, our community and country as policemen, firemen and military. Each flag and ribbon is \$3.00 and will fly from May 13-May 29 in front of the Pittsfield Police Department. New this year: a name can be put onto a tag of the flag you purchase. All proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a graduating PMHS student. To purchase a flag for someone special to you, contact: Gerard LeDuc at 603-470-6942 or Mickey Vien at 603-540-0296.

A Car Show will be held on Sat., May 20, from 9am-2pm at Globe Mfg/MSA parking lot, 37 Loudon Rd. Enter your car, truck or motorcycle – vehicle entry is \$15 and there will be various judging categories. Event is FREE to the public. There will be food truck, music, vendors, crafters, and raffles. All proceeds benefit Humble Grunt Work supporting all branches of the military. For more information, contact Jennifer Prusia at 603-496-1274 or jenprusia@gmail.com

Pittsfield Post Summer Schedule: To help the volunteers fully enjoy the days of summer, the Pittsfield Post will be published every two weeks from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Happy Birthday wishes to Minni Plante on Tues (May 16); to Liz Hast and to my niece, Nicole Grainger Semales on Sat., May 20. **Happy Anniversary wishes** to Tammy & Gary Colby on Thurs., May 18, and to Rich & Sarah Hills Grove on Sat, May 20.



Community Yard Sale

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.

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

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School Board Update

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our last board meeting, so this week's update will be a preview of the many school happenings coming up in May and June. In my next update, I will try to capture the meeting minutes from the May 4 meeting in addition to the May 18 meeting.

There are many upcoming events in the Pittsfield School District. To keep the community informed, here is a list of just some of the celebrations and culminating events to the 2022-2023 school year.

May

- 19 Preschool screening, PES
- 20 Junior/Senior Prom, Kimball Jenkins, 7pm
- 23 DARE Graduation, PMHS, 8:30am
- 24 CRTC Comp Night, Concord High School, 6pm
- 25 Exhibition of Learning, PMHS and PES
- 26 PMHS Field Day
- 30 5th to 6th Grade Family Informational Night, PMHS, 6pm

June

- 3 PTO Daddy Daughter Dance, PES, Time TBA
- 6 Grade 5 Step-Up Day, PES
- 7 K-2 Field Day, PES
- 8 5th Grade Celebration, PES Gym
- 9 5th Grade Drake Celebration
- 9 Senior Awards Night, PMHS Gym, 7pm
- 10 Commencement Ceremony, PMHS Gym, 10am
- 12 Kindergarten Celebration, PES, 5:30-6:15pm
- 13 8th Grade Achievement Night, PMHS Gym, 6pm
- 14 3-5 Field Day, PES, 9-11am
- 15 PTO Donuts with Dad, PES, 7:15-7:50am
- 16 Underclassmen Awards Presentation, PMHS Gym, 9am
- 19 Last day of School

The Board would like to thank the many teachers, staff, faculty, administrators, parents, volunteers and community members who make these above opportunities possible. What an exciting couple of weeks we have ahead of us!

Our next school board meeting will be Thursday, May 18, at 5:30pm in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, mgoggin@sau51.org (please note the email change for the district) 603-387-1396.



PMHS Drive-In

Looking for a fun family activity? Join us Wednesday, May 24, at dusk, in the Pittsfield Middle High School parking lot, for a Drive-In Movie Showing of the cult classic "The Beef Bites Back". The Pittsfield

Middle High School's Film Making Learning Studio produced the cult classic "The Beef Bites Back" 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", whose world premier will be held Thursday, May 25, at the Pittsfield Middle High School Student Film Festival. The festival runs from 3-6pm in the Greenleaf Auditorium at PMHS, and features film projects from various New Hampshire high schools. The Film Festival coincides with the PMHS Exhibition of Learning. Come check out some films and the great things happening with education at Pittsfield Middle High School! *The PMHS Film Making Learning Studio*

PMHS Band and Chorus Spring Concert

Congratulations to the PMHS Band and Chorus on their successful Spring Concert. The concert was held May 11 and featured solo performances by Nick Mistler, Elise Berry, Aaron Dunn, and Max Hadfield. Thank you to Jenny Wellington, former PMHS English teacher, who returned to play piano accompaniment. Maestro Kevin Cleary conducted, and filled in for some performers. He even conducted while playing French Horn in one song! All student musicians did an excellent job and put on a show that was beloved by our community. *PMHS*

BINGO SATURDAYS 6PM
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Pittsfield Middle High School
Exhibition Schedule
Thursday, May 25, 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY / BLOCK
7:30-7:57	Grades 6-8 Morning Arrival
7:57-11:25	Grades 6-8 Schedule (add link) Presentation of <i>Cinderella Without Boots</i> (8:15 / 9:15)
10:55-11:20	Sixth Grade Lunch
11:25-11:50	7/8 Grade Lunch
11:50-11:57	Grades 9-12 Afternoon Arrival (report to advisory)
12:00-12:10	Grades 6-12 Exhibition Preparation
12:15-1:00	School Assembly Premier of <i>Cocka Doodle Doom</i>
1:05-1:25	Block #1 Presentations Sixth Grade Gallery Walk
1:30-1:50	Block #2 Presentations Sixth Grade Gallery Walk
1:55-2:15	Block #3 Presentations
2:20-2:40	Block #4 Presentations
2:40-2:50	Grades 6-8 Dismissal High School Reset (report to advisory for attendance)
2:55-3:20	Block #5 Presentations PMHS Film Festival (3:00-6:00)
3:25-3:50	Block #6 Presentations
3:55-4:20	Block #7 Presentations
4:25-4:50	Dinner Block (food available in cafe; report to advisory)
4:55-5:25	Block #8: Band and Chorus Performance
5:30-5:55	Block #9 Presentations Grades 6-8 Gallery Walk (5:30-6:30)
6:00-6:25	Block #10 Presentations Grades 6-8 Gallery Walk (5:30-6:30)
6:30-6:45	Clean-up / Announcements Grades 9-12 Dismissal (6:45)



Cook's Corner

Crispy Fish and Lemon Linguine

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, many of us are looking for lighter fare. Here's a nice two-fer that I think you'll enjoy

over the summer. This pan fried crispy tilapia is so easy and so delicious. I often make this for fish tacos, in which case I switch out the oregano and basil and substitute in chili powder and ground cumin. The lemon linguine is scrumptious with this fish, but it's also a great side for grilled chicken. And if you don't have linguine, any pasta shape will do. I hope you enjoy these easy recipes as much as my family does. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

Lemon Linguine

Salt & pepper

1 lb linguine

3 TBSP butter

1 garlic clove, minced

1/3 cup heavy cream

2 tsp lemon zest and ¼ cup lemon juice from two lemons

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions in boiling salted water, about 8 to 10 minutes. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain pasta and set aside.

Melt butter in a large, high-sided skillet, over medium heat.

Add garlic and cook stirring constantly, until lightly browned 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce heat to low and stir in cream, lemon zest, lemon juice and ¼ cup of the cooking water (reserve the rest). Stir until well combined.

Add cooked pasta to the skillet and toss well to coat.

Sauce should be silky and cling easily to the pasta, if needed, add more cooking water a splash at a time until you achieve the right consistency. Add the grated cheese and toss one more time. Season with salt & pepper.

Pan Fried Crispy Tilapia

1 & ½ cups panko breadcrumbs

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 eggs, lightly beaten

Salt & pepper

4 to 6 pieces tilapia (or other thin fish fillet)

1 TBSP butter

¼ cup vegetable oil

Mix the panko and Parmesan in a large, shallow bowl, stir well to combine. In another bowl, beat the eggs and season with salt & pepper (you can also add a little dried oregano and basil if desired). Dip the fish in the egg mixture, then dredge in the panko mixture. Heat the butter and ¼ cup vegetable oil in a large skillet until hot. Pan fry the fish for about 3 minutes per side, until golden brown.

Pittsfield Beautification Committee Volunteers Needed

The Pittsfield Beautification Committee will plant flowers and shrubs soon for the upcoming summer season. We are in need of additional volunteer help.



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 4 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

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Select Board Review May 9, 2023

Fire Chief Pszonowsky and Dep. Chief Freese came in with a Purchase and Sales Agreement for us to consider for the new ambulance approved by voters last March. The vehicle they found after months of discussions with manufacturers about our needs and some good old yankee horse trading is \$50,000 LESS than the warrant article had asked for. We were happy to approve the purchase and thanked them both for continuing to make taxpayer's life/safety considerations and wallets their priority.

Library trustees Melissa and Sandy came in with their flooring advisor, Larry Konopka, with the results of their bid requests to remove the asbestos in the library basement. It's way past time to put this asbestos business behind us as it renders the entire finished basement useless as-is. It's going to run us about \$7k, but we'll get a lot of usable space back- most importantly the children's area which gets tons of use.

Road Agent Gourley came in to discuss a couple of long-range projects to try to fix annually on-going issues with some of our dirt roads. Costs to maintain and repair them after damaging storms is excessive and time consuming, meaning many of the other roads don't get the attention they need as soon as we'd like. None of the 'fixes' are cheap, so we thank Noel for planning far in advance for the capital outlay that will be required when the time comes. He also announced his receipt of Peter Elliott's retirement this summer, so we'll be looking for a replacement for Pete soon. Call Cara or Noel for an application if you're interested in a good job.

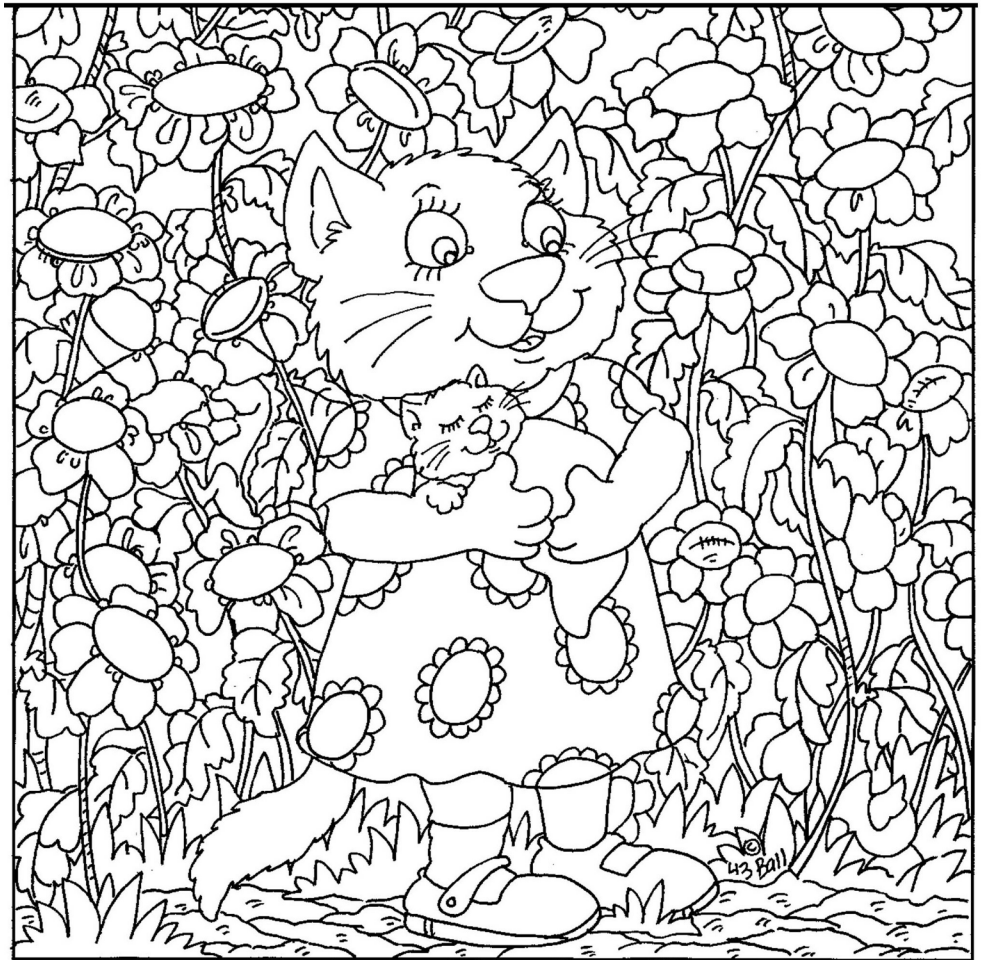
The 911 system is advising us to rename one end or the other of Range Road as there is a Class 6 section in the middle. Especially when other towns respond to emergency calls like fire or ambulance, they may not know what end of Range Road to use for access. Different names for each end would alleviate that issue. We'll try to come up with something appropriate.

The Clothes Closet donated \$1,000 to the Old Home Day celebration.

A memorial scholarship fund in the name of Carol Grainger was accepted with a generous initial gift to establish it by her family.
Carl Anderson

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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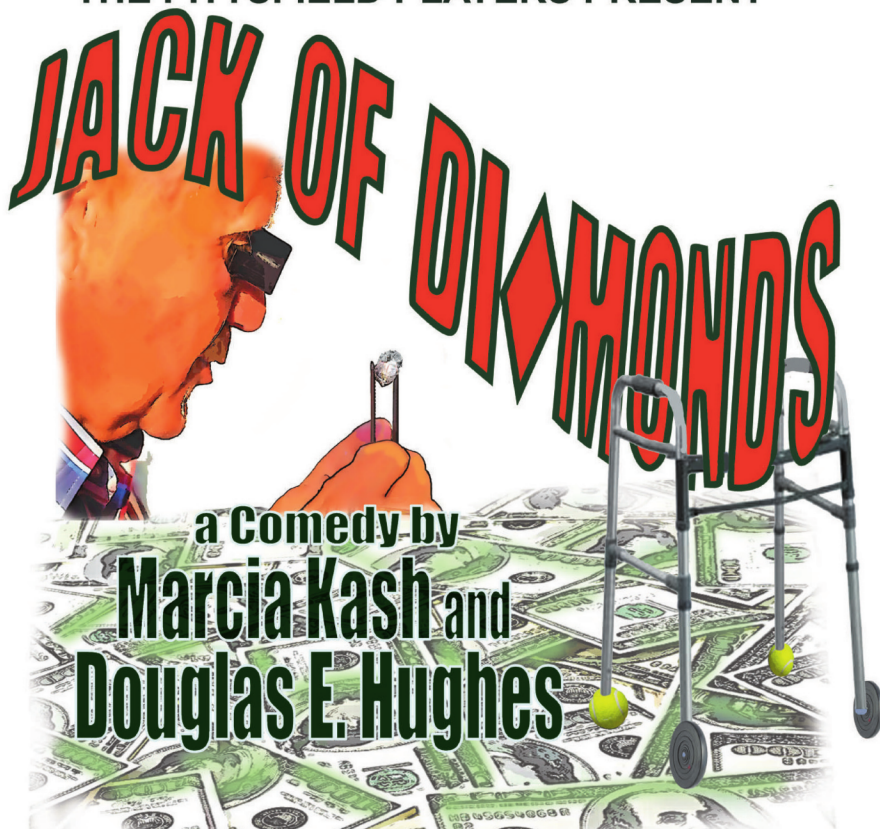


Pittsfield Players present Jack of Diamonds May 19-21

Jack is a former jewelry tycoon who made his living buying and selling diamonds via late night TV ads. He lives in a rather luxurious, privately owned retirement home with his fellow residents - the savvy computer wizard Rose, the artistic but tremendously forgetful Flora, and the narcoleptic beauty Blanche.

Unbeknownst to the four of them, however, the man that they had entrusted their life savings to - a smooth talking financial advisor named Barney Effward - has been arrested for bilking his clients out of their life savings through a Ponzi scheme. Faced with financial ruin, the four suddenly find themselves confronting the author of their miserable fate when Effward is surprisingly delivered among them - along with millions of dollars of diamonds.

THE PITTSFIELD PLAYERS PRESENT



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Directed by Carole Neveux
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For reservations call (603) 435-8852
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THE SCENIC THEATRE
6 DEPOT STREET, PITTSFIELD, NH



What follows their discovery of Effward in their midst is a hilarious and fast paced, laugh-a-minute show with a surprise ending that will make you smile. This show is rated PG!

Make sure to grab your tickets before we sell out. Join us May 19 and May 20 at 7:30pm and May 21 at 2pm. To purchase your tickets, visit our website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org or call to reserve at (603) 435-8852.
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Music of America

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will present a free patriotic concert, "The Music of America," Friday, June 2, at 7 pm. 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 accessible entrance 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*