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**February 8, 2023**

"All you need is love,. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt" - *Charles M Schults*

## **This isn't a love story, but it's a story from the heart about LOVE**

Sound familiar? A year ago I wrote about my parents, AJ and Helen. Now it's my daughter's turn.

What do you want, everyone asked me. What do I want? Adoption had always been an option for us, but I didn't know I could place an order...in my mind anyway. A blond-haired, blue-eyed baby girl, of course, all dressed in pink. How could that be so difficult? Well, it wasn't, for a year later on March 29, 1983, we brought home Elizabeth Frances Donovan, the beautiful blond-haired, blue-eyed baby of my dreams. And she was all dressed in pink.

Only one small issue for me...I wanted a newborn, to experience the whole kit and kaboodle, so to speak.

But at three and a half months she's sleeping through the night, she's on a feeding schedule, why in God's name would you want sleepless nights and fights with food? They were right, so right. And several months later, when I would have one night of a crying baby, my mother diligently reminded me of the luxuries to which I had grown accustomed.

But all was not sweetness and light, as we did have our struggles. Like the time Libby fell off the dressing table, or the morning she fell out of her crib. Quick call to Mom . Is she crying/moving, is she drinking? Yes and yes. Fortunately she didn't have far to drop and landed both times on a very soft carpet.

Or the time she was thrown from her horse – that old blessing-in-disguise scenario again. Had she not fallen off her horse, and had we not seen those X-rays, we never would have known about that cyst that had taken up residency on her sinus. Thank God. Thank God for that spooked gelding (who was honestly the gentlest horse on the planet) for tossing my 9-year-old to the ground, resulting in a discovery that could have proved troublesome down the road.

Through the years, my beautiful little baby grew into a lovely and loving young woman. But at one point I thought perhaps it was time to tell her about the adoption. About the teenagers too young to care for an infant, about the couple who couldn't have children of their own and decided to adopt a baby who needed a home, filled with love and a family who would treasure her forever. As I finished authoring my tale, tears running down my cheeks, my heart overflowing with love for this little girl and the heart-wrenching story I had just related.

She turned to me, I, thinking of the sweet words about to spew forth from this child's heart, telling me what a beautiful story she had just heard, including the happy ending. And what did she say? "Mom, I always wondered where I came from." Continued on page 5 under **From the heart about LOVE**



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**NEW Members are needed for the Old Home Day Committee.** We will hold our kickoff meeting on Wed, Feb. 8 at 6:30pm at the Community Center, Lower Level. It's a potluck dinner meeting- bring a dish to share if you'd like and come join us. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346, text 603-451-8762 or [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**The First Session of the School District Meeting** (Deliberative Session) will be held on Thursday February 9 at 6:30pm at the PMHS Media Center.

**Josiah Carpenter Library invites you to a local children's author Visit** on Friday February 10 from 5:30-6:30pm. Join us for a visit from Joanne Randall as she shares stories about making her Book Series "Adventures of Largo". Light refreshments will be served.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Club** will meet on Monday, February 13 at 6:3pm at Over the Moon Farmstead.

**Monday February 13 at 11:30am the Senior Center will hold a Valentine Celebration.** Nick Turillo is a singer and songwriter originally from RI. He started at an early age playing the guitar and writing music. He enjoys folk, soft rock, and country music. Come in, play bingo, have snacks, lunch and stay for the show after. Bingo is at 9:30am, lunch at 11:30am, and the show starts at noon.

**Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball** are accepting donations for their June Cash Calendar. Minimum of \$25 cash donation or gift certificate. Donations are needed by February 17. Please contact Melissa at 603-496-3928 or [pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com)

**Tickets are now on Sale - The Pittsfield Players "Kids' Theater Workshop" Presents: "Grease - School Version."** It is a lighthearted, family-friendly rendition of the story about the gang from Rydell High, with familiar songs such as Greased Lightnin', It's Raining on Prom Night, Alone at the Drive-In Movie and Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee. "Grease: School Version" will be performed at the Scenic Theater on February 23, 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Children under 12 and can be purchased at [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) or call us at (603) 435-8852 to make a reservation!

**Library Puzzle Swap-** Do you want to trade your previously loved puzzles? Bring over a puzzle and take a "new" one home!

**The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion** Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 2023. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person, please contact us.

**If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund?** Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at [GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com](mailto:GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com)

**There's never been a better time to join The Pittsfield Youth Workshop.** We have a fully supervised drop-in center and offer the youth in our community a safe place to go after school to socialize with friends or participate in one of our scheduled activities. Plus, there is no fee to join, so stop by to meet our staff and see what we're all about! Drop-In hours! Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri Drop-In is from 3-6 PM & Wednesday is from 1-6 PM. PYW is open to youth grades 6th-12th. For more information, contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at (call) 435-8272, (text) 234-9788 or email at [info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](mailto:info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org) stop by PYW or message them on FB.

**A Free Community Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 8:30-9:30am at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Tyler Chase on Friday.

## Calling all students ages 9-18 to Space Camp!

Train to be an astronaut, an airplane pilot or a robotics engineer in a five-day immersive, intensive, educational and fun camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center! Since 2001, more than 50 New Hampshire children and teens have traveled to U.S. Space Camp & Rocket Center, in Huntsville, AL, for a week of simulated astronaut or pilot training, thanks to the Alex Higgins Memorial Space Camp Scholarship. And three more will get to go in 2023! Would you like to be one of them?

The Alex Higgins Memorial Space Camp Scholarship was founded in 2000 in Memory of Alex Higgins of Bedford, NH, who died in March 1999 from injuries that resulted from a backyard accident shortly before his 13th birthday. Alex was a wonderful young man who loved life and was filled with good will toward all he met.

In 1994, he attended U.S Space Camp. and the scholarship was created by the Higgins Family and McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center to give deserving NH youths the same opportunity that Alex had, the potentially life-changing experience of a week at Space Camp.

Application deadline: Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.  
The application can be downloaded [www.starhop.com/alexhiggins](http://www.starhop.com/alexhiggins) or a physical copy can be picked up at the Discovery Center during public hours.

## PMHS Student Spotlight

Hi, My name is Rose Koladish. I'm in the 6th grade, class of 2029. My favorite subject is math because it just makes more sense to me. To elaborate more, I don't really like "there's no right or wrong answer" questions, but in math you are either right or you're wrong and that's what I like about it. When I started here at PES I always looked forward to being up here with the "Big Kids". In fifth grade I actually started getting scared of what people up there would think of me but now that I'm up in the high school building, it's not so bad. I am excited to be participating in the PMHS Site Council, Justice Committee, and Impact Club. During Site Council meetings, we've been successful bringing numerous sixth grade concerns to the council's attention. I've just recently joined the Justice Committee and Impact Club, so I'm looking forward to seeing what opportunities they will bring. It's been an exciting year. My grade earned 3rd place in the Spirit Month competition and we are the first 6th grade class ever to place in the competition. I'm hoping to complete the year with good grades and great memories. *Rose Koladish*



## Help Wanted

**Resident ADL Assistant: Vintage Hill, LLC** is seeking per diem help (average 1-2 shifts / week) for all aspects of keeping a home (preparing and serving meals, medication supervision, hygiene support, housekeeping and laundry). Looking for a compassionate individual with strong organizational skills (particularly in the kitchen), a heart for serving the elderly and the ability to work independently. Salary depends on experience, in addition to a \$4.00/hour weekend differential. To apply, download application on our website ([www.vintagehill.net](http://www.vintagehill.net)) and return by e-mail ([vintagehill@metrocast.net](mailto:vintagehill@metrocast.net)) or drop off at 10 Berry Avenue, Pittsfield.



On February 2, we attended our first session to vote on bills brought to the house floor by their respective committees. Because it was a light schedule with all the bills except one highly recommended by their committees, this newsletter will deal with process more than bill content. Twenty-seven standing committees hold public hearings on bills assigned to them and recommend the disposition of those bills to the house. The recommended action usually is either OTP (Ought to Pass) or ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate). ITL is legislative jargon to kill the bill. All but one committee are made up of 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats, so a high recommendation shows bipartisan support. Cyril and I have been meeting for four weeks (since Jan 10) on the Elections Law and Ways and Means committees, respectively.

First up is the Consent Calendar. If the action is strongly recommended, the committee can move the bill to the Consent Calendar, where they all get passed with a single vote by the legislature. Today's Consent Calendar originally consisted of twenty-six bills, but three were removed by the action of at least 10 legislative members. A Voice vote (usually a loud Yea) was all that was needed to pass these bills on the committee's recommendation - either OTP or ITL .

Next was the Regular Calendar. There were originally eight bills, but three were added. Almost all were passed by Voice vote, consistent with the committee's recommendation. Only one bill was brought to a Roll Call vote where the individual vote of each member was taken and recorded. HB 95 would have permitted municipalities to dictate eviction and rent notifications to landlords and regulate permissible rent and rent increases. This bill was recommended ITL 16-3 and after a failed attempt to table, it was killed 301-63. HB 295-FN was also tabled by a division vote (vote count only but not recorded) and required all select board and school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online. This bill was recommended ITL 10-9 along party lines. We were not supporting this bill since it was an unfunded mandate and a clear overreach of local control. Please visit our website at [ClaytonCyril4House.com](http://ClaytonCyril4House.com) for more information. Respectively, *Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood*

## **Historical Notes** By Larry Berkson

### **The Forgotten Civil War Nurse**

A great deal has been written about Barnstead's Harriet Dame, the famous Civil War nurse. What is not generally known is that another lady stood by her side throughout the war, Miranda Swain. Mike Pride, the former journalist, recently called her "Dame's capable chief assistant," and her "caring and efficient right-hand woman." He went on to state that Miranda Swain did far more than make hospital visits. She traveled widely, assisting wounded soldiers, standing by their sides during surgery, and often hearing their final words, which she conveyed to their kinfolk back home. At the Soldiers Aid Association, she was a "superb" administrator and later succeeded Harriet Dame as Director of Operations.

And guess what folks? Prior to the War, in 1857, the former Miss Miranda Barney married Charles R. Swain, who owned a 15-acre farm in Pittsfield. He brought her to town, where they lived until his death in January of 1862. Their only child, Lena Belle, died two months later.

Charles bequeathed his entire estate to Miranda. Thereafter she apparently went right to the battlefield, caring for soldiers throughout the war. Mrs. Swain was born in Grafton in 1835. In 1855, she was a student in Canaan. Later in life she was described as 5½ feet tall, with black hair and brown eyes. After the war she married Thomas L. Tulloch and remained in Washington, DC the rest of her life. She passed away in 1915 and is buried in Washington, a widow of 22 years.

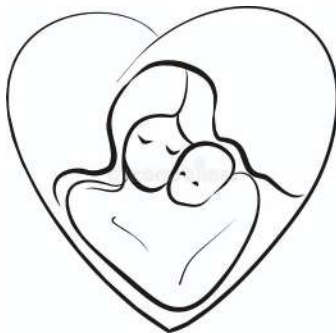
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Many of you know Libby, that she went on to become an honors student at Bishop Brady High School and the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. That she is now in her 18th year of teaching second grade at the Lincoln School in Brookline, MA. That she went on to marry Keith, her eighth-grade sweetheart, and that since then they have blessed us with two beautiful hooligans, AJ and Allie.

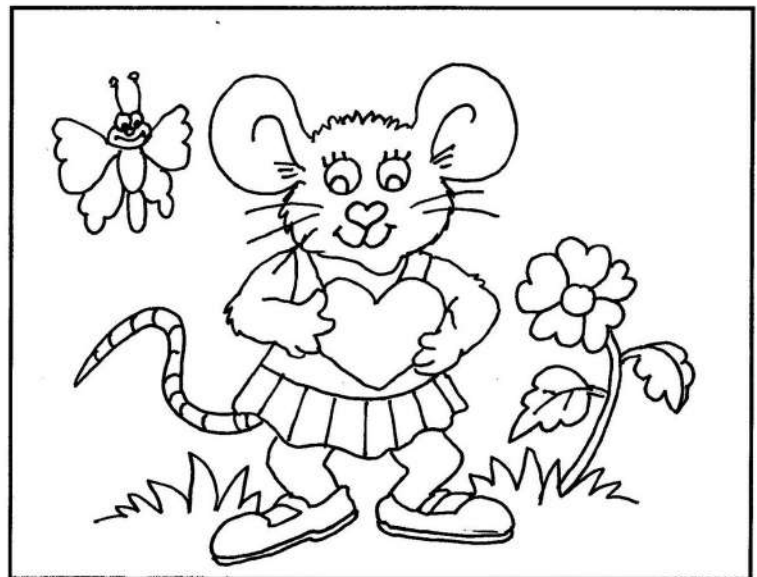
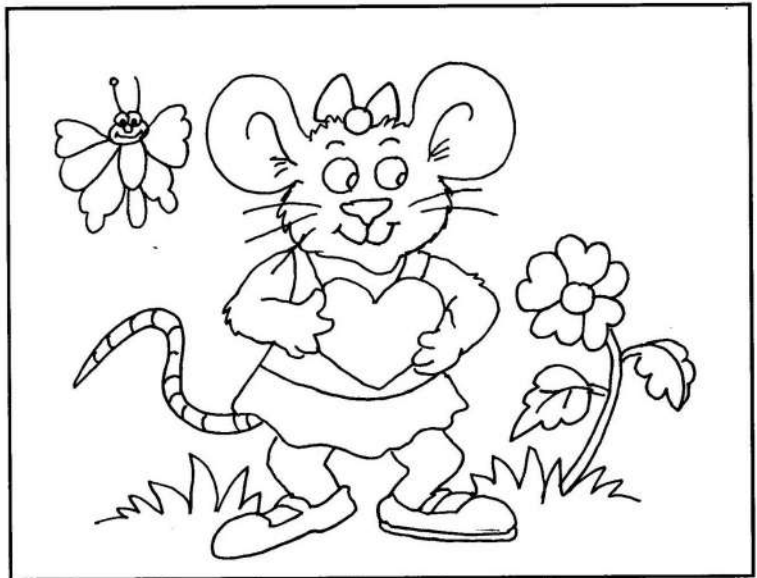
When Libby was a teenager I bought her a beautiful framed calligraphy illustration that was done by a favorite artist of mine, Adele Sanborn (she used to run the Caardvark card shop in Concord). This is what it said:

Not flesh of my flesh,  
Nor bone of my bone,  
But still miraculously my own.  
Never forget for a single minute;  
You didn't grow under my heart  
But in it.

Happy Valentine's Day, Libby! My one and only.  
Love, Mom *Martha Daroska Moley*



Can you find 10 differences?



Puzzle answers on page 7



Daily literacy building activities to share with your child.

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## Cook's Corner

### A Two-Fer Super Bowl & Valentine's Day

Wow! We have two big events coming up, Super Bowl and Valentine's Day. Here are two ideas that are sure to make both special occasions. First, the Hot Brown Dip, a deconstructed version of the classic Hot Brown Sandwich, of Kentucky Derby fame. This makes a delicious dip, but you could also use this as a topping for thick-cut toasted bread and make a meal of it. The second, one of my favorite no-bake goodies, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies is fun to make and one that your Littles will enjoy helping with. Move over Reese's Peanut Cups, there's a new treat in town! Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

#### Hot Brown Dip

- 4 TBSP butter
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 & ½ cup whole milk
- ½ cup chicken broth
- 2 TBSP bourbon
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ tsp paprika
- Salt & black pepper to taste
- 1 & ½ cups chopped deli turkey meat
- 1 cup diced Roma tomatoes
- 4 strips bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 2 TBSP fresh, chopped parsley (or 1 TBSP dried parsley)
- Chips or toasted bread for serving

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour; cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in milk, broth

and bourbon; bring to a simmer and cook until thick, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Whisk in Cheddar and Parmesan cheeses, until melted and smooth. Stir in paprika. Season with salt & pepper. Stir in the chopped turkey and mix well to combine everything.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Top the dip with the chopped bacon, tomato and parsley. Serve with chips or toasted bread slices.

#### No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies – YES!

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 60 Ritz crackers (2 sleeves)
- 2 & ½ cups milk chocolate chips
- Colored sprinkles to decorate

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread a generous amount of peanut butter onto half of the Ritz crackers, then top each with the other cracker, making a sandwich. Place on the prepared baking sheet and refrigerate for 20 to 30 minutes until firm. Put the chocolate chips in a microwave safe glass bowl and melt in the microwave, on medium power, for 15 second intervals, until the chocolate is completely melted.

Using two forks or tongs, dip each sandwich cookie into the chocolate until completely coated and place them back on the prepared baking sheet. If the chocolate starts to stiffen, just pop it back into the microwave.

If desired, decorate the sandwich cookies with sprinkles, then place in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. Cookies can be stored in an air-tight container for 1 week. Assuming they last that long.....

Move over Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, there's a new treat in town!

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# Public Hearing Meeting Notice

## TOWN OF PITTSFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on changing the fractional portion of revenues to deposit into the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund, in accordance with RSA 31:95-d.

The change to be discussed is to increase the portion of the ambulance billings to be deposited into the Fund for future purchases. The balance of the billing revenue will go to the general fund to offset the fire department's ambulance operating costs.

The Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund is a RSA 31:95-c special revenue fund that was established on March 10, 1998. The Fund was amended on March 12, 2016, to allocate \$30,000 in ambulance billing revenue to the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund for future ambulance and equipment purchases, with the balance of the revenue to go the General Fund to offset the operating costs of the ambulance service. Annual Town Election on March 10, 2020, approved the increase in the allocation to the Fund to \$35,000.

Due to the recent increase in ambulance vehicle and equipment costs, the allocation to the Fund should be adjusted to \$70,000 to maintain the ten-year ambulance replacement schedule. The need for this adjustment was realized during the 2022 update to the Capital Improvements Plan.

The public hearing will be held at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Town Office, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.



#### Post-It in the Post

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work!  
Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)

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#### Answers:

- 1 butterfly wing
- 2 Bow on mouse
- 3 Petal on flower
- 4 Eyelashes
- 5 Eyes
- 6 Shoe
- 7 Mouse tail
- 8 Nose
- 9 Skirt
- 10 Antenna

**Dear Crabby:**

Just wondering, how does someone with your malignant view of the world prepare for St. Valentine's Day? *Not Sure I Want to Know.*

**Dear Not Sure:**

Easy. I get ready by making The Curmudgeon's New Year List of Obituaries To Be Read. This year Vladimir Putrid gets top position.

But there are others, and they know who I mean, who will make a big improvement by getting written up.

Check the Pittsfield Post and other leading newspapers. *Crabby*

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