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"I love how summer just wraps its arms around you like a warm blanket."

- Kellie Elmore

June 22, 2022

## FB Argue Recreation Area 2022 Opening

On Tuesday, June 21, the FB Argue Recreation Area will open for the 2022 summer season at 1pm. We have one lifeguard and two beach attendants and will be running a **swim at your own risk** area. We will again be asking parents to give us contact information, if their child will be coming to the pool alone without an adult, and to sign a paper stating that they have reviewed the rules with their child. We are raising the age that children can come to the area alone to 10. We will be open Monday through Friday 12-5pm. We will not be open nights this summer. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. We will be offering non-Red Cross swimming lessons again this summer. Swim lesson sign-up sheet will follow this information or can be obtained at the beach area. Registration will be held at the recreation area. We will run two-week sessions and each lesson will run for about ½ hour. The dates for the sessions will be as follows:



**Session 1 Daytime: Monday, June 27- Friday, July 8**

**Session 2 Nighttime: Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 22**

The daily admission for residents is \$1 per person. A family season pass may be bought for \$50. Daily admission for non-residents will be \$1.50 per person. All persons entering the area will be expected to pay. Children under 5 will be admitted free with a paid adult. Said paid adult will be responsible for supervision of said child/children. We will allow use of the beach toys, but if you feel more comfortable, you might want to bring your own. The concession stand will be open.

The cost for swimming lessons for Pittsfield residents is \$15 per child per session, non-residents \$30 per child per session.

Questions can be answered by calling 603-290-4068 or 603-435-7457 (during hours of operation).

Families or groups will be able to use the area on weekends by filing a request form with the town. The area will be open on Saturday, July 23, for Old Home Day.

## Panther Park Disc Golf Course

*Dear Pittsfield Community,* It gives me great pleasure to announce the opening of the Panther Park Disc Golf Course. The course is made up of 9 holes spread around the campus of the Pittsfield Elementary and Middle High Schools and is available for free use by the public, with the exception of during school hours. Disc golf is an up-and-coming lifetime sport that has grown tremendously popular during the pandemic that combines the enjoyment of hiking through nature while throwing frisbee-like discs into targets. Recent studies have been pointing to the increase in juvenile obesity and the decrease in youth fitness. Among the most recommended solutions for these problems are walking and moderate exercise, combined with activity that can be learned at a young age and continued throughout the individual's lifetime. What better way to address all these areas than to be introduced to a multi-faceted activity that combines these solutions in a natural outdoor setting and adds a social element that is beneficial to youth and adults alike? That activity is disc golf. Hope to see you out there! *Brandon Balsler, PES Physical Education Teacher*

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**Pittsfield Old Home Day is Sat, July 23.** The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". Some of the things going on.....Fri night – Free Outdoor Movie 8:30pm- Location TBD, Sat: 7-9am – PES Runs for Autism at Drake Field, 10am PARADE (NOTE NEW TIME & Route will be shortened), 11:30am – FUN AT F.B. ARGUE RECREATION AREA (aka Town Beach) – Cookout (Burgers & Dogs for sale), Lawn Games, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Photo "Booth", Walk About Hot Air Balloon, Sandcastle Building, Beach Towel Origami, JujuBee, the Clown -Balloon Twister, Duck Race, Community Mural....and free swim and visiting! 2pm – Pittsfield Historical Society Dedication on new headquarters and Open House! At Drake Field -7:45pm – Pittsfield Citizen of the Year Presentation, 8pm – Nevers Band Concert and end the day with Fireworks! Plan to spend the day in your "home" town of Pittsfield. Organizations, Groups, Businesses and Classes – how about entering a float in the parade?! Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 435-6346.

**The Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family group** will meet at the Flannel Tavern on Thursday, June 23, at 5:30pm for the annual "banquet".

**Senior Center:** Wednesday, June 22, at 11:30am: Live Music—Cat Faulkner plays at many local venues and is very popular. She combines the traditional jazz style with a new and exciting interpretation of the American Songbook. Please come to celebrate the full first day of summer with music. The Center is happy to be open once again. As the summer continues programs will be added. If you have an idea that you would like to share please contact Anne at 603-435-8482 or stop by to see her.

**What's Up at PYW.** There are lots of exciting activities planned! We have trips scheduled for most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout July and August, so check out our calendar. Our summer Drop-In hours will begin on Wednesday, June 22, and will be the following days & hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 2-6pm. If you sign-up for our texting notifications you'll never miss a reminder or update again! To opt-in to our messages text us @ 1-(603)234-9788

**South Pittsfield Community Club Ham & Bean**

**Suppers are back!!** The next supper is Saturday, June 25, Time: 5-6:30pm. Where: 444 Dowboro Rd., Pittsfield. Prices are: Adults: \$10, Children ages 6 to 12: \$5, Under age 6 free! "All You Can Eat" Menu includes: Ham, Homemade Baked Beans, Homemade Brown Bread, Potato Salad, Drinks and Homemade Pies. EAT IN OR TAKE OUT.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library** is collecting plastic bottle caps for the very cool project described below. Please save them and drop them off at the Library!

**The kick off the Library's Summer Reading Program** "Oceans of Possibilities" is an Art Contest. All entries followed an Ocean theme, and were due to the Library by June 20. Entrants used any 2D medium (markers, crayons, paint, etc). For more information, contact the Library at 603-435-8406. Winning entries will be featured on a mural to be made by community members at Old Home Day on Saturday, July 23, and displayed at the Town Beach area.

**The Mead and Read Book Club** is underway. The group decided on Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code and will meet again at Over the Moon Farmstead in Pittsfield on July 11 at 6:30pm to discuss it. If you're interested, please contact the library to reserve your copy of the book! (603)435-8406.

**The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** is in need of volunteers to help at the Balloon Rally. Please contact Fallon Reed at [suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com)

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Tina & Roger Metcalf on Thursday!

The Post Volunteers will be observing Independence Day

The **PITTSFIELD POST** will not be published on July 6, 2022.

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**Notice  
Town of Pittsfield  
Board Vacancy  
School Board**

Notice is hereby given of a school board member vacancy on the Pittsfield School Board.

The Pittsfield Board of Selectmen has been requested by the Pittsfield School Board pursuant to NH RSA 197:26 to appoint an eligible person (who is both domiciled in Pittsfield and is a registered Pittsfield voter) to fill the School Board vacancy until the 2023 annual school election. Those who wish to be considered for appointment by the Selectboard should submit an application for volunteer appointment along with a letter of interest before Friday, July 8, to Cara Marston, Town Administrator, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, New Hampshire 03263 or by email to [cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov). Town Volunteer Appointment Applications are available on the town's website – [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) – or in the Town Hall at 85 Main Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MEETING NOTICE**

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 28**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-e that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a hearing to receive public comment concerning the acceptance of a John Deere UTV for the Fire Department from the Pittsfield Firefighters' Association, as the value is in excess of \$5,000.

The public hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, at the Town Office, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

**Options in Education – Benjamin Franklin Academy Charter School**

Feeling pressured about the future of your child's or grandchild's education? Is school choice more than just a political talking point for your family? The relatively short number of years a child will spend in school should yield the best results possible and the clock is ticking. Benjamin Franklin Academy Charter School offers you an educational option. This open enrollment, tuition free, public charter middle/high school is coming to the Suncook Valley area in 2023. You can visit [franklinacademy.info](http://franklinacademy.info) to learn more and take a brief survey. You can also visit Benjamin Franklin Academy on Facebook for updates and important dates in the coming months including informational sessions beginning August 2022. Benjamin Franklin Academy may be the choice that meets your family's educational needs. *Diane Rider, Pittsfield, NH*

## Select Board Review June 14

Once again, the select board has been tasked with a responsibility we didn't anticipate, namely appointing a resident to fill a vacant position on the school board. Normally, any vacancy is filled by the remaining members of the school board itself. However, if that board reaches an impasse (as is the case now) by state law the task falls to the select board. So once again, we'll do our duty because that's our job, not because we asked for it.

We are soliciting any interested party to fill out a volunteer application and attach a letter of interest for the vacant school board position, and to turn it in to the Town Office NOT LATER THAN JULY 8. The select-board will interview all candidates on July 12, 2022. This appointment will be for the period of July 26 until school elections are held in March 2023. School board membership does not require any particular skill set; however, the candidate should have the ability to participate in problem-solving, and an interest in the best educational opportunities for promoting academic excellence for the students in Pittsfield.

We accepted a bid for the new Fire pumper truck which came in under the appropriation approved by voters in March. Unfortunately, delivery of this vehicle is expected to take 18 months (a sign of the times). Also, the select board will hold a public hearing on June 28 for input on accepting a donation of a John Deere UTV for our fire/rescue department. We accepted an enclosed UTV trailer from the Federal Excess Property Program, at no cost to the town. This trailer will have a use for equipment readiness, whether we ultimately accept the UTV or not.

Volunteer appointments to the Conservation Commission were gratefully accepted. The deed to the property sold at auction June 5 was signed in anticipation of a closing that will make the town whole for taxes owed. Numerous housekeeping issues were resolved with no startling items on that list. *Carl Anderson*

## Old Home Day Events and Performances



2001 Old Home Day Committee Members sporting their Groucho Marx Glasses

Old Home Day (OHD) always includes fun events, activities, and performances for people of all ages. Events can be solemn such as the 1919 parade and banquet for World War I returned soldiers and sailors, and the 2004 dedication of Brigadier General Harrison Thyng memorial. Celebrations such as the 2011 opening of the expanded Tilton Hill ballfields are also held on Old Home Day. Sometimes Pittsfield decides to try something new. In 1921, as part of the build-up to Pittsfield's 150th birthday, the OHD festivities were filmed, and a "Moving Pictures Celebration" was created. The film was shown in September at the Opera House for multiple sold out audiences! One of the quirkiest activities was the successful 2001 effort to place Pittsfield in the Guinness Book of World Records – by gathering the most people wearing Groucho Marx glasses.

2022 continues the tradition of fun activities. The Historical Society will hold an opening reception for their new building, the Elementary School Parent Teacher Association is hosting a Run for Autism, people will be able to help the Library and Parks and Recreation create a community mural, and in the evening, there will be the recognition ceremony for the new citizen of the year, a concert by the Never's Band and fireworks. Do you have any ideas for 2023? Suggestions are encouraged! *Leslie Vogt, Old Home Day Committee*

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## **The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association inducted two new members to the Alumni Spotlight at Exhibition Night on June 9.**

The Alumni Spotlight was initiated when the Pittsfield School District was awarded a sizable grant by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation to create a student-centered learning approach for our students at Pittsfield Middle High School. When the grant ended, the Pittsfield High School Alumni Association took over the project. The intent then, which continues today, was to provide current students with an appreciation for the impact graduates from Pittsfield have had throughout New Hampshire and the United States. Although a small town with a small school, Pittsfield has proudly produced some amazing graduates who have had significant influence in many areas.

Walter William Bishop was inducted to the Alumni Spotlight. Mr. Bishop graduated in 1948. Following graduation he entered the Navy, graduated from basic training in Illinois, volunteered for the Submarine Force and completed Submarine School in Connecticut. Mr. Bishop was on the USS Corporal, USS Wahoo, USS Sargo, and USS Scorpion.

On the USS Scorpion, Mr. Bishop was chosen to occupy the highest enlisted position, the Chief of the Boat. This assignment was truly extraordinary because he was still a first class petty officer, while normally the Chief of Board post went to a more seasoned petty officer. Mr. Bishop, was clearly held in high regard by all of the men who were fortunate to work with him.

During his stellar career, Mr. Bishop was awarded the Silver Dolphin, the Good conduct Medal with three bronze stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency E, and the Award of Excellence in Fire Control, Torpedo Firing and Tactics.

The transatlantic return of the USS Scorpion to Virginia from action in the Atlantic Ocean in May 1968 was to have been Mr. Bishop's last tour before retiring. Unfortunately, the USS Scorpion was lost at sea with 99 men on board.

Two Navy buildings have honored Mr. Bishop by carrying his name: Bishop Bachelor Headquarters at the San Diego Navy Base and Bishop Hall at the New London Navy Base.

Mr. Bishop's leadership, dedication, and devotion to his crew and country is to be commended and an inspiration to our Pittsfield graduates.

The second recipient was Victor Drouin, who graduated in 1981. He is the owner of Green Mountain Communications in Pembroke.

Mr. Drouin began his journey in the field of communications working for a company in Maine shortly after graduation. He took advantage of good on-the-job training and a boss who provided guidance and inspiration. This work took him to California where he started his own communications business and succeeded in building networks for long-distance carriers in 46 states across the country.

Eventually, the industry evolved from towers to fiber-optics networks. Mr. Drouin took full advantage of training that would be relevant for the future of communications. He was recruited by the largest cellular company in the world in 1989 and worked for them for three years. This work led him back to NH with his wife, Catherine Anderson Drouin (also from the class of 1981), where he opened his own business.

Today, Mr. Drouin runs a company that employs 75 people, including tower technicians, electricians, design engineers, project managers, and support staff. They build wireless networks that connect our world today. The networks he builds provide critical data to law enforcement, border safety, highway maintenance, health care, and the day-to-day use of our personal wireless networks. *Tobi Chassie, PHS Alumni Association*

## Cook's Corner

### 5 Summer Dressings

Instead of pouring the 'same old, same old' store-bought, bottled dressing over your beautiful summer salad, why not whip up one of these homemade options? Any of these will elevate the classic lettuce, tomato and onion salad, but don't be shy about trying them with your other favorite summer fare. These are also delicious drizzled over grilled chicken, the vinaigrettes are great on poached salmon and any of these would be a fun alternative for pasta salad.

I also want to extend kudos to the families and teachers at Pittsfield Middle High School for developing the young people in the Class of 2022 - who are clearly aiming high! Bon appetit!

- MP Christakos

#### Classic French Vinaigrette

1 shallot, finely chopped  
1 TBSP Dijon mustard  
2 tsp honey  
2 TBSP lemon juice  
¼ cup red wine vinegar  
½ tsp kosher or coarse salt  
½ tsp fresh ground black pepper  
1 TBSP fresh chopped herbs (chives, basil, oregano, dill) (optional)  
2/3 cup olive oil  
Mix all ingredients in a jar and shake well until smooth.

#### Lemon Caper Dressing

½ cup lemon juice  
½ cup Dijon mustard  
3 shallots, peeled and cut into quarters  
1/3 cup capers  
1 TBSP honey  
¾ cup neutral oil such as canola or vegetable  
¼ cup olive oil

1 tsp kosher or coarse salt

¼ tsp black pepper

Place all ingredients in a blender and whiz up until fully emulsified. Taste and adjust seasonings as desired. If you're looking for a little kick, add a pinch of red pepper flakes or a dash or two of hot sauce. Store in an airtight jar in the fridge.

#### Greek Salad Dressing

1/3 cup olive oil  
2 TBSP lemon zest  
¼ cup lemon juice  
3 TBSP crumbled Feta cheese  
1 TBSP white wine vinegar  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 tsp dried oregano

Combine all ingredients in a blender and process until smooth (about 20 seconds). Season with salt & pepper as desired.

#### Blue Cheese Dressing

1/2 cup buttermilk  
¼ cup sour cream  
Fresh ground black pepper  
1 cup blue cheese crumbles  
In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk, sour cream & pepper. Then fold in the blue cheese crumbles. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

#### Green Goddess Dressing

½ cup buttermilk  
½ cup mayonnaise  
½ cup fresh parsley leaves  
¼ cup fresh tarragon leaves  
2 TBSP lemon juice  
2 TBSP chives, chopped  
1 TBSP apple cider vinegar  
4 anchovy fillets  
1 clove garlic  
In a blender combine all ingredients and process until smooth.



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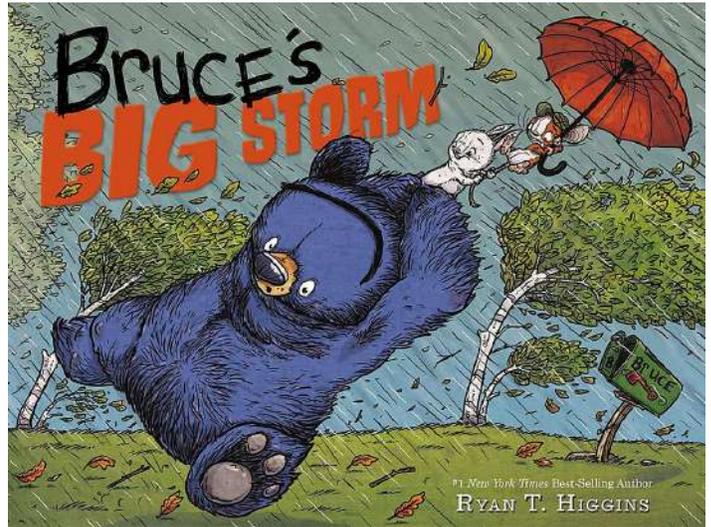
## The First Summer StoryWalk is Out!

Find out what our favorite bear, Bruce, will do when all of his wilderness neighbors knock on his door during the rain storm. The story, *Bruce's Big Storm*, by Ryan Higgins has recently been posted as the Josiah Carpenter Library's first StoryWalk® for the summer. Tie up your walking shoes, grab a water bottle, and enjoy a walk through our beautiful little town while reading this installment of the uproarious, award winning Mother Bruce series.

Families can pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the story, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

A special thank you to the anonymous donor who sponsored this month's StoryWalk® (If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide StoryWalk® this year, please let us know!)

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne



Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story. *Melissa Babcock*



Can you find 12 differences in these two fisherman bears?

Answers on page eight.

## “THANK YOU” To the TOWN of PITTSFIELD



Our Lady in Lourdes Parish in Pittsfield, and especially the parish team of volunteers who helped to organize the Saint Bernadette Relics Tour, wish to extend our profound thanks to the Town of Pittsfield for all the help they provided to

the parish for this special event.

As a parish, we never worked so closely with the town and the town officials as we did this past end of May. The Police Department, the Fire Department, Emergency Management, EMTs, the Board of Selectmen, local citizens and businesses, the Pittsfield Post, and even other churches all came to our assistance to both help plan and execute the event itself.

Leading up to the event, there were at least five meetings held at the town Firehouse where representatives from the town met, discussed, and planned with our parish committee as to how to best make this event work. Sometime during the first or second meeting, someone from the town said, “This is your tax dollars hard at work for you.” So true!

The event itself went off flawlessly thanks to both the professional and volunteer assistance supplied by the Town. They were present each day from early morning until late at night. The support and safety they provided during the event brought a general “peace of mind” whereby we could simply enjoy the event and focus on ministering to all the people who came.

For me, personally, part of the “miracles and blessings” we were hoping for and expecting from hosting the saint’s relics were experienced and found in the wonderful people of Pittsfield. To see how they so willingly gave of their time, and most importantly, of themselves, to help this little parish is something I will always remember and treasure. To me, that was not so much a miracle, but rather a blessing and “lesson” – a lesson in the “POWER” that is present in a small, local community . . . a community and town like Pittsfield.

With these few words, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude.

May God and Our Lady watch over, bless, and always protect this little town.

Thank you, Pittsfield! Gratefully Yours,  
Fr. John Mackenzie and all the Volunteers and Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

## Pittsfield High School Class of 2022

### Award Recipients

- **Honors** - Cassandra Boyd, David Cote, Joseph Cote, Alyna DeFruscio, Sydnee Fisher, Ashleigh Hodson, Dalton Swenson, and Matthew Swenson
- **NH Scholars** - Damian Cunningham, Dylan Cunningham, David Cote, Joseph Cote, Dalton Swenson, and Matthew Swenson
- **National Honor Society** - Cassandra Boyd, David Cote, Joseph Cote, Alyna DeFruscio, Sydnee Fisher, Ashleigh Hodson, Dalton Swenson, and Matthew Swenson
- **Valedictorian Awards** - Dalton and Matthew Swenson (co-valedictorians)
- **Moody Kent Award** - Ashleigh Hodson and Dalton Swenson
- **Richard Brooks Award** - Matthew Swenson
- **Linden Sheehan Award** - Jordan Roode
- **Matty Garrett Award** - Cassandra Boyd
- **Highest Academic Average Awards** - Dalton Swenson (English and Science), Corey Holland (Mathematics), and Joseph Cote (Social Studies)
- **Excellence in Art Award** - Alyna DeFruscio
- **Music Honors** - Justin Garvin, Ashleigh Hodson, Kolbey Ryan, and Matthew Swenson
- **Site Council Honors** - Cassandra Boyd, David Cote, Sydnee Fisher, Dalton Swenson, and Matthew Swenson
- **CRTC Recognitions** - Ashleigh Hodson, Harvey Marston, and Charlie Mewkill
- **DAR Award** - Dalton Swenson
- **Pride-Honor-Spirit Award** - Ashleigh Hodson
- **United States Marine Corps Excellence Awards** - Sydnee Fisher and Dalton Swenson
- **United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Awards** - Ashleigh Hodson and Matthew Swenson

**Answers:** Button on cap, eye, sleeve stripes, line on fishing pole, waist band of shirt, shoe, bucket, button on shirt cuff, nose, fishing pole handle, seam on pants, mouth.