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"August is the border between summer and autumn; it is the most beautiful month I know". *Tove Jansson*

AUGUST 17, 2022

## Paul Montgomery becomes honored holder of the Boston Post Cane

The strictly honored tradition of presenting The Boston Post Cane originated in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper decided on an unconventional means of increasing readership. They had approximately 700 walking canes made by a NY company, using expensive ebony wood from the Congo, topped with 14K gold knobs, and carefully hand rubbed finishes which they gave to the selectmen in 700 towns (no cities) throughout New England. The selectmen were asked to identify the oldest man in their respective town and present him with the cane (to be handed along from one honoree to the next) as a means of recognizing advanced age (in the old days, age was treated with respect and a sign of acquired wisdom). In 1930 women were added to the pool of potential recipients. Many of the  
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Paul Montgomery (seated) and his family, left to right, son Joe, granddaughter Joy, daughter Jan, grandson Jay, and in front is great grandson, Ryker

## NH House of Representatives Candidate Forum

Chichester and Pittsfield will jointly elect two members to the NH House of Representatives in November. On September 13, three Republicans will be on the Republican primary ballot and three Democrats will be on the Democratic primary ballot. If you are registered independent, you will be able to choose which primary to vote in. Everyone who votes will have to choose two of the three candidates on their ballot.

Learn about the candidates. There will be a candidate forum on August 24 at 6:30 pm at Chichester Town Hall on Main Street in Chichester. All six candidates have been invited and will have time to introduce themselves and answer questions. Voters from Pittsfield and Chichester are invited to attend.

## Educating our Students in Pittsfield

Are you familiar with student-centered learning? Would you like to know more about this teaching method? Please join us at our August 18 School Board meeting at 5:30 pm at the PMHS Media Center for an informational presentation to understand more about how our students are learning at PMHS. Hope to see you there! *Your Pittsfield NH School Board*

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**A GIANT THANK YOU** to the Suncook Valley Rotary Club and all the Organizations, businesses, family and friends that helped to make the 40th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally such a success!

**The Friends Meetinghouse (Quaker Church),** Dowboro Rd in South Pittsfield will hold a service on Sunday, August 21 at 1 pm, Nancy Talbott will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**The Pittsfield Historical Society's** new museum at 4 Oak Street is now officially open!. If you were unable to attend the Open House, please check out the video of the ceremonies which is posted in the society's website: <https://pittsfieldhistory.com> The Museum is open Tuesday mornings between 9am and noon, or call the museum at 603-435-8004 to arrange a time to visit.

**PES PTO** is sponsoring a community wide used/good condition clothing collection, we are specifically looking for children's size 2T-18. Clothing may be dropped off at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool) 12-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please deliver the clothing bagged and alert the staff that the donation is for the PTO Clothing Collection. Dates & location will be announced soon for when families can to come out and leave with some new to you clothing for the upcoming school year. Any questions please email [PTO@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:PTO@pittsfieldnhschools.org)

At the **Senior Center**, Thursday, August 18 at 11 am: ServiceLink—Do you have a problem that you can't seem to find help solving? Then come in and talk to our local ServiceLink representative. ServiceLink is an Aging and Disability Resource Center! It is your link to information and support services within your community.

**Royal Tours** presents a Fall Foliage Trip to Vermont with Lunch at The New England House And a Tour and Show at the Friesians of Majesty. Friday, September 23, 2022 \$118.00 per person. The deadline is August 22, and the payment is due on September 5. Please contact the Senior Center at 603-435-8482 or Carol at 485-4254. Departure from the Senior Center at 55 Barnstead Road, at 8:30 a.m. and will be home approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Auditions for the Pittsfield Players Production of**

**"Jekyll & Hyde, the musical"** will be held at 7pm on Sunday, August 28 and Monday, August 29 at the Scenic Theater. Show dates are October. 28, 29, 30 & November 4, 5. For those wanting to audition for a Principal Role, please prepare the following: Women—"Someone Like You" and Men—"This is The Moment". For those auditioning for the chorus, please bring a song of your choice for Music Director, Phil to play. There will also be a cold read from J&H and should dress for movement. Any questions, please contact Directory Marty Williams on FB or email at [mgwillia55@gmail.com](mailto:mgwillia55@gmail.com).

**Thursday, August 25** PES, 6th Grade Orientation will be held at 4:30pm. The PES & PMHS Open House will be held at 5:30pm.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to my sister, Michele Karwocki last Sunday, to Ray Webber, Melissa Potter & Stacy Davis on Wednesday, and to Sally Wardwell on Thursday. I hope you ALL enjoy your special day!

**Happy Anniversary** wishes Tim & Tracey Riel on Wednesday! A very special Happy Anniversary wish to my fabulous husband, Mark on Friday. Cheers to many more happy years!

### **Supervisors of the Pittsfield Checklist**

Will be in session on Wednesday, August 31 at the Town Hall from 7 pm to 7:30 pm to make corrections and register new voters for the State Primary Election Day: September 13, 2022. This will be the last day to register or make corrections until election day. Supervisors of the Checklist: *Roberta J. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Hast, Ammy L. Ramsey*



It was so much fun to have hot air balloons in town. Thank you for this great photo by Paulette Chagnon.

**Cane** towns which had originally received canes have long since lost track of them, however, Pittsfield's cane is on the wall of the Administrator's office in a locked case. The Town presents replicas of the cane and a certificate to whoever holds the honor of oldest resident, our last being Ruth Huckins, who passed away last year.

On Monday, August 8, the Pittsfield select board had the honor of presenting the Boston Post Cane to Mr. Paul Montgomery of Rolling Green Village. He was born May 4, 1923, in Ohio, and at 99 is Pittsfield's oldest resident. A small ceremony was held at the Rolling Green activity center with many residents attending, Paul's son, daughter, grandson, grand daughter and seven year old great grandson Ryker (who proudly announces he's about to be 8), as well as members of the select board and spouses, all of who enjoyed light refreshments, pleasant conversation and a bit of a trip down Mr. Montgomery's memory lane.

At the age of 18 Paul joined the Navy at the outset of WWII in 1941, and when they learned he was a capable baker (having apprenticed in his teens) he was assigned to cook on a PT (torpedo) boat. He actually cooked for John Kennedy during his time in the South Pacific.

After the War, Paul worked as a mechanic for a number of years, and eventually went to Everett, Mass. where he married his late wife Doris. They relocated to Newton Junction, NH, in 1951 where they raised their children. During this time he worked as a police officer in Newton.

**The F B Argue Recreation Area** will be closing for the summer on August 23, 2022 at 3 pm due to staffing. We have had a successful summer season to date and are grateful for the support we have gotten from the people of Pittsfield. If you are interested in using the area after we close, there is a form for you to fill out and return to the town hall. You can find this form on the Town of Pittsfield website or ask for one at the Town Hall. At that point they will let us know and someone could unlock the gate for you. This is SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK and Carry in Carry out, which means that you must watch your children and take care of your own trash. We do ask that if you plan to use the grill, we ask you to pay \$10 for the propane. We will open the beach house but will ask that you check the bathrooms and sweep before you leave. This process has worked well this



Once the kids were grown, Paul joined the Ministry. In the 1980's (then 60-odd years old) he and Doris climbed on his Harley Davidson motorcycle and toured most of the United States, preaching in small towns where he supported them as an accomplished, self-taught guitar player and all around handyman.

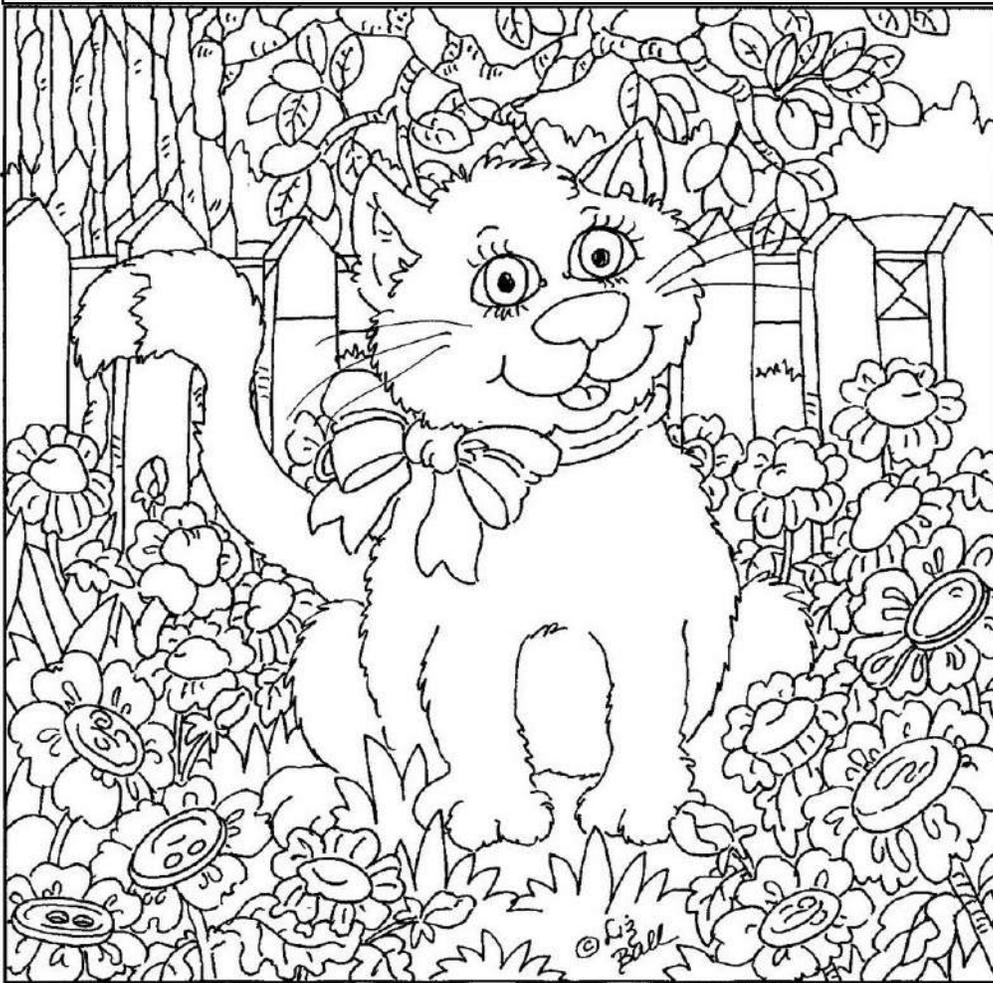
About 2007 the couple decided they should retire and moved into Rolling Green Village in Pittsfield. Doris passed away 10 years ago, leaving Paul and his guitar to continue on. Sharp as a tack, he likes to visit with people and reminisce about a life well lived. Far from over, Paul announced he's aiming to live to be 200. I suppose that's rather optimistic, but he's got a better chance than most of us. The Pittsfield Select Board salutes our oldest resident, 99 year old Paul Montgomery, and we hope he holds the Honor and the Cane for many years to come. *Carl Anderson*

summer, but we may ask you to pay a minimal fee next summer for times when we aren't open. Again the Parks and Recreation Commission thanks you for your continued support and interest. AND by

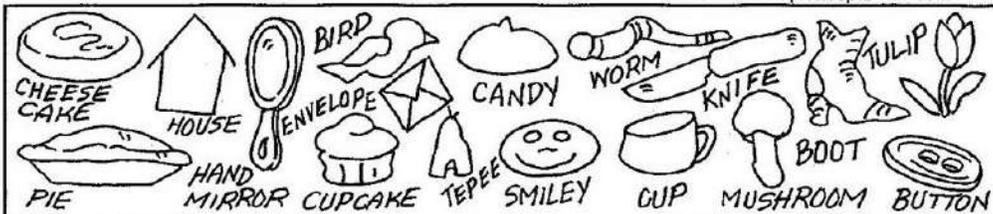


the way... SAVE THE DATE: October 22 for our annual Harvest Fest celebration from 12 to 3. New this year will be a chili cookoff. More information to follow. Any businesses or groups that wish to participate in Harvest Fest please contact one of the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## Find the Hidden Pictures



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Do you have an interesting story to share? Are you running for public office, and you would like to explain your platform? Are you part of a community group that has big news?

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## Cook's Corner

We started our grilling series with a trip to Greece, then traveled to South America and now for our last two in the series, we're heading to Asia. The Grilled Asian Chicken Thighs will no doubt become a family favorite. These can also be cooked in the oven; line a large baking sheet with foil, place a rack in the pan, put the chicken on the rack and roast at 425 degrees for 45 minutes. Apologies in advance to those with nut allergies, but the Thai Peanut Ramen is fabulous and pairs nicely with grilled pork as well. Be sure to serve the Cucumber & Red Onion salad nice and cold, it's a wonderful, tangy foil for the grilled meat and the peanut sauced ramen. Enjoy!

### Grilled Asian Glazed Chicken Thighs

1/3 cup rice vinegar  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
3 TBSP honey  
2 TBSP dark sesame oil  
1 & 1/2 TBSP chile garlic paste (such as Sambal Oelek), or use Sriracha  
10 cloves garlic, minced  
12 bone-in chicken thighs (Danis has the best!), remove the skin

Combine vinegar, soy sauce, honey, sesame oil, chile garlic paste (or Sriracha) and garlic in a bowl and stir to combine. Pour mixture into a container or large Zip Lock bag, add chicken and marinate for at least 1 hour but preferably for 4 to 6 hours (in the fridge). Remove chicken from the marinade. Spray the grill grates with cooking spray and heat the grill to medium high. Grill the chicken for 8 to 10 minutes per side, basting with the marinade along the way. Let chicken stand for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

### Thai Peanut Ramen

3 TBSP creamy peanut butter  
2 TBSP soy sauce  
1 & 1/2 TBSP Sriracha  
1 TBSP dark sesame oil  
1 (9 oz) package ramen noodles, discard spice packet  
Chopped peanuts (for garnish)  
Chopped scallions (for garnish)  
Fresh chopped cilantro (for garnish)  
Lime wedges  
Whisk the peanut butter, soy sauce, Sriracha and sesame oil in a heat proof bowl.  
Cook the noodles according to package directions. Do not use the spice packet. When the noodles are

done, reserve 1/3 cup of the cooking water. Then drain the noodles and transfer to the peanut butter mixture. Add the cooking water and toss to coat. Serve the noodles with the chopped peanuts, scallions, cilantro and lime wedges.

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### Cucumber & Red Onion Salad

1 cucumber, peeled & sliced  
1 red onion, sliced very, very thin  
1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves  
3 TBSP rice vinegar  
1 TBSP dark sesame oil  
1 & 1/2 tsp grated fresh ginger (or from the tube, you'll find in produce aisle)  
Combine all ingredients together, toss gently to coat the cucumber and onion. Transfer to a bowl, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

## Dear Voters of Merrimack House District "Lucky" 13,

My name is Tonjah Kelm. I intended to run, as a moderate Democrat, for the NH State House of Representatives seat for "lucky" District 13 in Merrimack County. Due to sudden and unexpected personal circumstances, this is not feasible, currently. I do not feel it is appropriate or fair to any of you to fundraise and campaign for myself, if there is any chance, I will not be able to carry out the entire term.

My name will still appear on the ballot in Pittsfield for the Primary election, but please do not vote for me. I am confident the other candidates, Sally Kelly and Dan "The Stoneman" Schroth will do an excellent job of representing the Pittsfield and Chichester communities. I hope one day in the future, I can serve you all. Sincerely, *Tonjah Kelm*

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## Donovan 5K and the Winners Are....



Congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Pittsfield Balloon Rally Frank H. Donovan 5K! Runners brought their smiles and positive attitudes to overcome the humidity on a hot Sunday morning. The top male AND top female winners were both from Pittsfield! Congrats to Troy Stafford and Sarah Martin for their outstanding wins. Other Pittsfield residents who earned awards in their age categories include: Sam Carney, Jennifer Mika, Kathy Traynor, and Colleen Connolly.



With the proceeds from the race, another generous scholarship will be awarded to a Pittsfield senior next spring. Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants who made this race possible, and to the Suncook Valley Rotary and Northeast Delta Dental for your support. Mark your calendars for August 6, 2023 to take part in this great Balloon Rally tradition!



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