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"This morning the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August; the summer's last stand." - Sara Baume

August 16, 2023

Old Home Day Berry Bake-Off Winning Recipe

We are delighted to share two of the winning recipes from our recent Pittsfield Old Home Day Berry Bake Off contest. The first recipe was the first place winner, from Tanya Watts, Triple Berry Crisp. The second recipe was the third place winner, from Marilyn Dansereau, Sugar Cookies with Cream Cheese Frosting and Berries. Congratulations Tanya and Marilyn on your winning entries, and thank you for sharing your recipes with our readers. These dessert recipes are 'keepers' for sure. Enjoy!

Triple Berry Crisp

For the Crumble

- ¾ cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup old fashioned rolled oats
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, cold and diced into small pieces

For the Filling

- 12 oz fresh raspberries (about 2 & ½ cups)
- 11 oz fresh blueberries (about 2 heaping cups)
- 6 oz fresh blackberries (about 1 heaping cup)
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 & ½ TBSP cornstarch

Heat oven to 375. Butter a 9x9 inch or 11x7 inch baking dish.

For the crumble, in a mixing bowl, whisk together flour, oats, brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add the butter and cut into the mixture using a pastry cutter or fork (or rub with your fingertips), until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Transfer to refrigerator.

For the filling, rinse the berries and let drain (but don't dry). Transfer to prepared baking dish. In a small bowl, whisk together sugar and cornstarch. Pour cornstarch mixture evenly over the berries and toss well to evenly coat.

Remove crumble from the fridge and sprinkle evenly over the berries.

Bake in the oven until filling is bubbling and topping is golden brown and crisp, about 30 to 35 minutes.

Serve the crumble warm, topped with vanilla ice cream.

Sugar Cookies with Cream Cheese Frosting and Berries

Makes 4 dozen

- 2 packages sugar cookie dough
 - Cinnamon sugar for sprinkling
 - 2 cups cream cheese softened to room temperature
 - 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 tsp vanilla extract
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 1 cup strawberries, sliced into small pieces
 - 1 cup blueberries, leave whole
- Bake sugar cookies according to package directions. While cookies are still warm, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and then allow to cool on a wire rack.

Make the Frosting. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer on low until smooth. Gradually add pieces of the softened butter and continue to mix on low until well blended. Slowly pour in sugar, while mixer is on. When mixture is well blended, add vanilla and salt. Beat on high for 30 seconds or so at the end, scraping the sides and bottom of the bowl.

Spread frosting on each cookie and top with strawberries and blueberries. Refrigerate cookies until ready to serve.

Town Crier

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

THANK YOU to the Suncook Valley Rotary Club and everyone that helped to make the Balloon Rally a great success. Lots of planning and lots of volunteers are needed to make this event happen. It is a great event for our community! Thank you to all involved.

The 2023 Varsity Girls Alumni Soccer Game is scheduled for Sunday August 20, 2023 at Drake Field. Kick off will be at noon and all female alumni soccer players are encouraged to attend.

The Dowboro Farm Farmstand is OPEN! The kids from the Victory Workers 4-H club are back at it! They'll be bringing back some of your favorite items and have been working on some new surprises, too! Stop in to see the produce, baked goods and crafts at 615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield, NH. Hours are Thurs-Sat- 9:30-6pm & Sun 10:30-4pm.

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the **Globe Community Fund**? Established by the former owners of Globe Manufacturing Company 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. Funds are still available for 2023! For more information, email GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds through the "BUY-A-BRICK" project which affords people an opportunity to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks cost \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 603-435-8004.

Are you a Target shopper? PYW has been chosen as a nonprofit partner and we could use your votes! A share of \$15,000 will be divided between five worthy nonprofits, based on the number of votes each receives. Vote by Sept. 30 More info can be found at www.target.com/circle.

Suncook Valley Soccer has a new Facebook page. Registration is taking place right now. Search for the new page on Facebook or email SVSC08@gmail.com

The Pittsfield Players, "Curtain Up: An Evening of Music" rehearsals are underway! A special shout-out to the cast and crew for their hard work and excitement to put on a great show for this fundraising event! Tickets are available now on www.pittsfieldplayers.org This is ONE NIGHT ONLY on September 9 at 8pm, right at the Scenic Theater.

Josiah Carpenter Library will host author and poet, John Doleman on Wed, August 23 at 6:30pm at the Library. He will share a graphic presentation incorporating poetry from his new book.

The PES/PMHS Open House will be held on Fri, August 25 from 5:30-7pm and the first day of school is Mon, August 28.

Happy Birthday wishes to my fabulous sister, Michele Karwocki on Mon, Aug. 14; to Melissa Potter and Stacy Davis on Thurs, Aug. 17 and to Sally Wardwell on Fri, Aug. 18. **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Merrill & Dianne Vaughan and Sally & Jeff Wardwell on Sun, Aug. 13; and to Tim & Tracey Riel on Thurs, Aug. 17. **A very special Happy Anniversary** wish to my wonderful husband, Mark on Sat, Aug. 19! Cheers to many more happy years!

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To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield

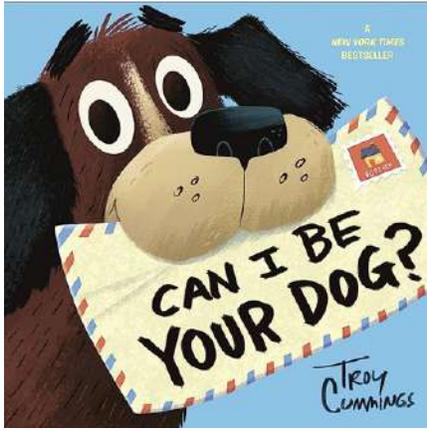
I just need five minutes to clear my name and to set the record right.

There are four types of military discharge.

1. Honorable - With military benefits, all discharges other than honorable do not have benefits.
2. Administrative or General Discharge - This is what I earned.
3. Bad Conduct Discharge
4. Dishonorable Discharge

At the last minute they confiscated my dress blue uniform. I confiscated it back.

The theme of Old Home Day was Red, White and Blue. so, after 43 years I had an inkling to wear it in the parade. And so it came to pass, *Dan the Stoneman*



Get on the Move with JCL!

Come along and share this homeless mutt’s story about choosing the perfect family. Arfy’s Letters to prospective families share his best qualities—he’s house broken, has his own squeaky bone and can learn to live with cats. The story features many different styles of letter writing which may just encourage a young reader to find a pen-pal of their very own.

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!

For more books about dogs and making new friends, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2 to check out our selections.

A special thank you to Pittsfield Head Start for collaborating with us to make this month’s StoryWalk@possible. (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 Babock, Josiah Carpenter Library*



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THANK YOU PITTSFIELD!!

The Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Old Home Day event a fun and successful day! It truly takes a village to make this event happen so....THANK YOU to the following individuals, organizations and businesses:

- * Pittsfield Fire Association/Support Group- Breakfast at the Fire Station
- * Park St. Baptist Church- for providing delicious baked goods and coffee
- * St. Stephen's Church – for providing famous hot dogs and all the delicious goodies
- * Adam Gauthier – Vendor/Craft Fair Organizer
- * Victory Workers 4-H Club- for sponsoring the Very Berry Cook-off
- * Les Farr – for jumping in to help with the Car Show
- * Jackie Lee – for providing fabulous music
- * Jujubee the Clown – for providing entertainment for the kids
- * Bell Brothers – for sponsoring the Caricature Artist
- * NH Water Solutions – for sponsoring the Face Painter
- * Pittsfield Historical Society – for opening the museum doors for all to enjoy
- * Zach Powers & Ashley Perron – for opening PYW and for the use of chairs & tables
- * Jackson Marston – Tour guide at the Masonic Lodge (old Pittsfield Academy)
- * Anne Taylor – Tour guide at the Police Station (old Memorial School)
- * Cara Marston – Tour guide at the Town Hall (old Grammar School)
- * Pittsfield Players (Meggin Dail & Crew) – Tour guide at the Scenic Theatre and for performing vignettes along the Historical Trail.
- * Don Smith – for providing great music
- * Jaime Koladish – Kids Bike Parade organizer
- * Anna Vyce – for all your help with the Kids Games
- * Lori, Sara, Mr. Curtain, & Ms. White – judges for Kids Bike Parade
- * Sandi Adams – for providing the ride in the parade for our 2023 Pittsfield Citizens of the Year, Leslie & Harry Vogt.
- * The Fuchsia Peony – for donating the corsages for the Pittsfield Citizens of the Year

- * Blueberry Ridge Blooms Farmstead – for donating the cut flower bouquets for the retired Old Home Day Committee members
 - * Stan Bailey – Master of Ceremonies for the parade
 - * Pastor Jeremy Everson, Park St. Baptist Church – for the invocation
 - * Kathy Kelley – for performing the National Anthem twice for us.....beautifully!
 - * Fallon Reed/Suncook Valley Rotary Club – Parade judging
 - * **ALL THE PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!** And to Mark Riel, Parade Organizer
 - * Parks & Recreation Commission – for sponsoring the Cookout and all the fun things at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area
 - * Northway Bank - for sponsoring the Little Red Wagon theatre group
 - * Nevers Band – for a wonderful concert
 - * Granite Image – for help with all the posters, programs and advertising
 - * Jay Darrah & Pittsfield Police Department – for blocking off roads & leading the parade
 - * Pittsfield Fire Department – for participating in the parade and helping at the fireworks
 - * Pittsfield School District – for use of Drake Field
 - * The crew from Joe Darrah Enterprises – for cleaning up the fireworks debris
 - * Pittsfield Clothes Closet – for a generous donation
 - * Globe by MSA – for a generous donation
 - * PHS Alumni Association – for hosting the All Class Reunion
 - * All the businesses that allowed posters and programs to be displayed *And finally* – Thank you to Everyone that came out and attended the event.
- Enjoy the rest of the Summer! *Andi Riel*



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
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On August 2, Cyril and I participated in the Election Ballot Counting Device Demonstration. Secretary of State Scanlan has been working with the Ballot Law Commission to provide information for their consideration when deciding to certify the next ballot-counting machine(s). The currently certified machine, AccuVote, is running to the end of its life cycle and is no longer available.

We used and evaluated three machines: the Dominion Imagecast, the Election Systems & Software DS200, and the TotalWorks VxScan. We attended a presentation and got to feed ballots through all 3 machines. Our input and evaluation were submitted to the Ballot Law Commission to provide information for their consideration when deciding to certify the next electronic ballot-counting device(s).

All 3 machines shared many of the same features. All were not connectable to networks or the internet via cables or frequency-based connections. All had an updated video screen making it easier for the voter to know that the ballot was processed or if there was a problem. The voter can then allow the machine to accept the ballot or request the ballot returned. By law, the voter can then request a new ballot and fix the problem. The problematic ballot is destroyed. Ballot insertion can be in any order and direction, all producing an "image" of the ballot. There is a data file created containing the content of the ballot. Voting using all machines was easy with little help required, All machines were very difficult to jamb! All

machines made opening, zeroing (generating the zero report), and closing the poll very automatic. All following state law! That will be great news for all election moderators! Cost and maintenance for all are very similar as well.

A key difference is that the first two machines used proprietary software, while TotalWorks used an open-source method that provides complete transparency on how the bubbles are accepted. TotalWorks also allows the user to set up the database file used to instruct the operating system on the specifics of the ballot. The proprietary construction of this database adds to the cost of using the machine. Another difference worth mentioning is that the Dominion machine feels very similar to the Accuvote, so transferring to the Imagecast will be very easy for the town using it.

All of these machines have been tested using a ballot protocol under the supervision of Secretary of State Scanlan. All have met the criteria. The actual decision is in the hands of the Ballot Law Commission. They will be meeting in September to start the discussion. Cyril and I will keep you informed. I know there is much discussion on the use of machines vs hand counts. I sit on the Election Law Committee. Please send me your questions, opinions, and concerns via my email claytonwood@clayton4house.com Your State Representatives, *Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*

The Post Volunteers are savoring summer...
 The next **PITTSFIELD POST** will be published on August 30.

Pittsfield Parks and Recreation News

The FB Argue Recreation Area will be closing for the summer season on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. We will be open from 12- 5 on that day and will be giving out one free ice cream to all who come on that day. We would again like to thank all the organizations and people who helped us have another great summer of swimming and fun.

SAVE THE DATE We are planning on sponsoring our annual Harvest Fest celebration on Saturday, October 21st. We are looking for groups and organizations who may want to participate with us on that day. Our plans include selling hot dogs, burgers, popcorn, ice cream, and other concession snacks. We plan on having pumpkin carving as long as we can find pumpkins. We would love other groups and organizations to join in the fun by helping us with various activities such as games, a costume contest and a chili cookoff or even have a booth to sell goods or promote your group. If you would like to join us, please contact any Parks and Recreation commission member or call or text Minnie Plante at 603 290-4068. We will be continuing our planning at our next meeting on September 12. *Minnie Plante, Parks and Recreation*

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Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Wrap and Thank You

The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association hosted the 3rd PHS ALL CLASS Reunion on Saturday, July 22 in conjunction with Pittsfield Old Home Day. We estimated that 300 people attended the event held at the Pittsfield Middle High School. There were tables set up in the gym for each Class to gather – lots of visiting and catching up with classmates was done! 54 Classes were represented from the Class of 1945 to the Class of 2013. Attendees could take a self guided tour of the school – for some of us the school has changed A LOT since we were there. Refreshments were available and the School Store was open. A chicken BBQ was held after the reunion. The delicious meal was catered by Tiede Farmhouse Catering with cookies from Pittsfield's Main Street Variety. Thank you to Pleasantview Gardens for donating the beautiful plant centerpieces. Thank you to everyone that helped with this event! A special thank you to ALL the ALUMNI that attended- see you in 10 years. The Alumni Association would love to have some new members join the committee. We meet just four times per year. If you are interested, please contact Andi Grainger Riel (Class of 1984) at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com. *Andi Riel*

Introducing *Finer Touch Cleaning and Organizing*

Coolers and Beach Bags

This is the first in a series of articles by Lisa Savage, owner of *Finer Touch Cleaning*.

Time will be given to you and nothing in life is done in a day. Do what you hate to do first. In cleaning or organization it's a rule I live by. After twenty minutes you can do something you like for ten minutes and then go back to your cleaning/organization. I have twenty six years in cleaning, estimates and have had great clients. I came to Pittsfield five years ago from Manchester.

People and kids love to go to the beach, camp, and have summer parties. So, we all have coolers. Hard side coolers clean up well with soap and water. On soft-sided coolers you can use a microfiber cloth or paper towels to reduce moisture retention.

Organizing coolers and beach bags will give you more time for fun

1. Chill your drinks in the refrigerator; then you can use less ice.
2. Put ice and drinks at the bottom of the cooler.
3. You can have a container on top of your ice with your meats, condiments and salads.. A container makes it easy to make sandwiches.
4. Plastic containers are better because plastic keeps things cold.
5. When you're back home, wash and dry your cooler. If it has a spout, open it. Put a dry old towel or old tee shirt when you close the cooler. I'm a firm believer in baking soda to prevent odors in the refrigerator and closed containers.
6. Bring a beach bag; fill it with towels, suntan lotion, a brush or comb, baby powder (it is good for using on feet to get off sand), changes of clothes, sunglasses, and a garbage bag. Bring a huge umbrella, colored (so kids see it). Use a sandwich bag for your keys and phone.
7. For toys you can use mesh bags. Mesh doesn't collect sand. Leave the sand at the beach!
9. When you get home, wash and dry towels, bathing suits and bags immediately.
10. Keep things like new; it saves you money because they last longer! *Lisa Savage*

Selectboard Review August 16, 2023

Donations to the Old Home Day celebration were accepted with gratitude.

It seems several events have opened up a proverbial 'can of worms' with regard to street names and now also some issues with numbering. We've been 'directed' by the 'powers that be' to resolve what's been determined are potential problems at various locations around town. Therefore, we have resigned ourselves to tackling what has now become a substantial task so that the town is not exposed to legal ramifications in the event of a disaster or tragedy. The truth is, we'd be failing our duty if we didn't address the issues now that they're known, so here we go (knowing full well that there are going to be a few unhappy residents.) Aug. 15 we will have a 'work session' for the sole purpose of tackling this job of reviewing (and changing some) street numbers as well as renaming some roads. The public will have a chance for input/suggestions at a later date before any final changes are made.

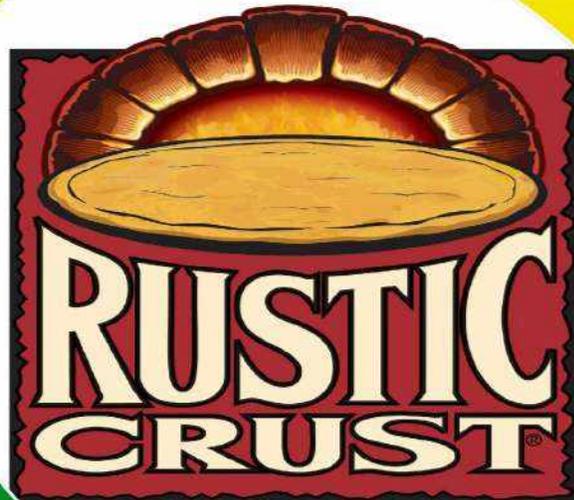
"Pro Scoops" was granted a 'Hawkers and Peddlers' license.

Outstanding performance reviews were accepted for Equipment Operator Kieth Donovan and Police Sargeant Devon Rego. Our newest police department member, Seth Guyer, was recognized for his lone handling of a serious altercation between two people (which included a deadly weapon). Witnesses reported Officer Guyer was professional and capable throughout the confrontation which ended without injury to anyone. The Board of Selectmen want our citizens to recognize the quality and professionalism of the PD, including our newest member(s).

Erica gave us a run-down of the few (4) properties currently on the tax deeding list and their status. The Board highly encourages anyone delinquent on their taxes to talk to the Tax Collector who will work within the bounds of the law to help them. *Carl Anderson*



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