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Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple. – JK Rowling / *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Pittsfield's Workers: We Thank You

When you're going about your daily life in town, do you ever say to people "I'm so glad I live in Pittsfield," and then they reply "Me too!" This has been especially true during 2020, and to extend the celebratory spirit of Labor Day, we want to honor and recognize the amazing efforts of all our community workers.

During our ongoing pandemic each person working in Pittsfield has done so much more than they could have ever expected when they accepted a job as a cashier, pizza maker, educator, manufacturer or first responder. Each day they are brave, come to work, and accept that they may become infected with Covid-19. This year local businesses have truly made Pittsfield a great place to live, especially during a pandemic, when staying close to home is the safer option. We believe their ongoing efforts help keep the infection rate low, and Pittsfield's community spirit strong.

For the creation of products that are shipped throughout the world, extension of support and learning to our citizens, and our every purchase of toilet paper, paint brushes, eggs, hamburger, medicine, postage stamps, and most especially, yummy dine in or take out food, we say *Thank you*.

The Post Volunteers

Renowned Organist Returns

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will welcome back organist Mark Thallander for the 10 am Sunday, September 13 service. Mark is best known for his long and distinguished music ministry career at the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, California. More than 15 years ago, he was involved in a terrible car accident that almost took his life, but ultimately took his left arm. Come to hear the music that bursts from the church's 1877 organ under Mark's genius! All are welcome; please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Enter through the front door, although extra parking is available at the rear. Handicapped entrance at parking lot door.



Modifications for In-Person State Primary Election Voting Tuesday, September 8, 2020

- The voting location has been moved to the Pittsfield Middle High School gymnasium, 23 Oneida Street to meet the CDC recommended guidelines for social distancing.
- The entrance will be the gymnasium side door to the left of the lobby doors.
- Traffic through the polling place will be one way with the exit on the opposite side of the gymnasium.
- Masks shall be worn (masks will be available)
- Social distance spacing of at least 6 feet
- No public restroom facilities
- Poll workers will be available to provide direction and answer questions.

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Golf Cart Chronicles...continued

Let's play a bit of I spy!

In my golf cart travels around our awesome town, I came across a monument that was recently 'exposed' - have you seen it? A very interesting story is told on this granite; worth looking for it. And the beauty in the lower right is 'our new' golf cart. Before I tell the story, can you recognize where this is and what 'she' might be doing there?

Now back to the reason for 'she' the cart!

As many of you know, a small group of 'flower power angels' have kept the hanging flower basket project going in memory of John Lenaerts, the project's founder. Many years ago John dreamed up this project and from the ground up made it happen. Building the baskets and wooden brackets, procuring, planting and nurturing the flowers and after a time, he purchased a well used Golf Cart and retrofitted it into a watering cart! Well that Golf Cart finally met its mechanical demise and mind you, in the midst of a heat wave! For several hot dayz, the 'angels' used a pick-up truck, not ideal for squeezing into tight spaces. Then, low and behold, another 'angel' emerged and with their generosity and our flower fund monies previously raised, we are now blessed with a new to us watering cart! We could not have done this without all of you who have supported this effort in the past!

Donna Keeley



Against His Will
Part Seven of a Serial Tale
By Apen Monicoeur

James stood in the doorway of the coffee shop. Jeannette saw a smile spread across his lips when he spotted her. His whole face seemed to radiate when he smiled.

"I hope you don't mind," he said. "But I got us a table inside, out of the sun."

"By the window," Jeannette stated, as they relaxed into their chairs.

"View is important," responded James. A slight smile played upon his lips. He was testing her.

"Yes, view is important."

After they placed their orders, James leaned into Jeannette confidentially.

"Speaking of views," he said, "What do you find compelling about my family?"

Jeannette leaned back in her chair, aware of James in her personal space.

"Well, it's fascinating, isn't it? Your father is poisoned; a second will goes missing; anyone could be a suspect to these deeds. Don't *you* find it mystifying?"

His intense eyes locked with hers, his coy smile still lifting the corners of his mouth. He was roguishly handsome and, if she wasn't careful, she could easily be pulled into his orbit.

"Particularly so." James leaned back in his chair, freeing up the space between them. Jeannette almost exhaled in relief.

"Do you mind if I ask you some questions?"

"Not at all," he replied, taking a generous bite out of his chocolate éclair. A bit of cream stuck to his chin. He wiped it off and said, "Reformed alcoholics have terrible sweet teeth."

Jeannette smiled.

"I wanted to ask about your mother."

"My mother? Specifically? Or all the mothers?"

"I...I don't understand," Jeannette stammered.

"We all had different mothers," James said matter-of-factly.

"So your father was married four times?"

"Yes."

"And none of these women are coming forward to lay claim to his fortune?"

"Nope." James replied. "They all signed prenuptial agreements."

Jeannette paused to absorb this information.

James continued while using his fork to pick up the last bits of flaky crust off his plate.

"Once our mothers divorced our father, they just left. You know...boom. Gone. Moved to other places without us. I'm sure he paid them a decent stipend to get out of and stay out of our lives."

"Well, then who raised all of you?"

"Mrs. Clough," James said. "Our Nanny."

Jeannette took a sip of coffee and looked out the window to digest what James had just told her. As her mind toyed with new scenarios for the case, she saw something that made her half jump out of her chair, knocking her coffee mug and uneaten raspberry turnover to the floor. Her throat closed up in shock.

There, on the other side of the street, walking hand-in-hand, was her boyfriend, Trace, and that horrible receptionist, Liz.

Trace wasn't under cover at all.

He was having an affair!



Cook's Corner

Crusted Roast Pork Tenderloin with Apricot-Dijon Glaze

As Summer begins to give way to Fall, here's a lovely roast pork recipe idea that will inspire you for the crisp days that lie ahead. This one calls for pork tenderloin, but you could easily make this with a pork loin roast. Baked Acorn Squash on the side, drizzled with butter and maple syrup would be a lovely side, or make a dish of Corn Casserole (featured in an earlier issue of this paper). Instead of Dijon mustard, try one of the great craft mustards from Blackwater Mustard Company, LLC in Contoocook.

- 1 pork tenderloin (2 pieces per package)
- ½ cup apricot jam
- ½ cup Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper
- 2 to 3 cups Panko breadcrumbs
- Dried parsley for garnish

Heat oven to 425. Line a baking sheet with tin foil then place a rack on the pan.

Mix the apricot jam and Dijon mustard in a small bowl, stir until smooth. Place the Panko breadcrumbs in a large shallow bowl. Salt & pepper both sides of the tenderloins, then schmear the apricot mixture all over both sides. Now roll each tenderloin in the breadcrumbs, patting down so the breadcrumbs adhere.

Place the tenderloins on the rack of the foil lined baking sheet. Spray the tops of the pork lightly with cooking spray then sprinkle some dried parsley across the tops. Roast in the oven for 45 minutes or until the pork is cooked.

This pork is great served with corn casserole on the side, or acorn squash with maybe some scalloped apples. Put out a dish of honey mustard dressing for dipping! Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

Double Word Puzzle #8 by Diana Westgate

Instructions: Find the word that satisfies both definitions.

1. Mail _____
Part of a fence
2. Bills and letters _____
Knight's armor
3. Sticky tree part _____
Musical frequency
4. Narrow strip of land _____
Camels do this
5. Sailboat term _____
Small sharp object
6. Look at _____
Timepiece
7. Work time _____
Slip
8. Dog noise _____
Tree part
9. Firearm _____
Accelerate
10. Fabric pattern _____
Halted

Answers on page 6



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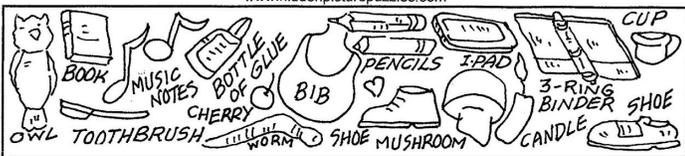
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Answers to Double Word Puzzle #8

1. Mail – **post** – Part of a fence
2. Bills and letters – **mail** – Knight's armor
3. Sticky tree part – **pitch** – Musical frequency
4. Narrow strip of land – **spit** – Camels do this
5. Sailing term – **tack** – Small sharp object
6. Look at – **watch** – Timepiece
7. Work time – **shift** – Slip
8. Dog noise – **bark** – Tree part
9. Firearm – **gun** – Accelerate
10. Fabric pattern – **checked** – Halted

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