

PITTSFIELD POST

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“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” – *Winston Churchill*



Retirement Recognition for Paullette Chagnon, RN

Paullette Chagnon RN of Loudon Road, Pittsfield, NH has retired after 45 years of caring for patients at the bedside at Concord Hospital. She came to Concord at the age of 18 in September 1974 from Berlin, NH to attend the Concord Hospital School of Nursing. On February 28, 1975 she received her nursing cap at the Nursing School's capping ceremony and has worn her nursing cap her entire career. On September 14, 1975, she began her employment with Concord Hospital as a LNA while she attended nursing school. Graduating on June 3, 1977, she then began her career as a RN and remained on the same medical surgical unit until October 3, 2020. *Note: Congratulations Paullette, and our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement!*
The Post Volunteers

Pittsfield Police – Their Mission is To Serve

Barely a day goes by that we don't read or hear in the national news about social unrest, protesting, and calls to “defund” the police. Meanwhile, we all enjoy and appreciate living in this beautiful, peaceful and safe community, in no small part thanks to our Pittsfield Police officers.

We recently met with Chief Joe Collins of the Pittsfield Police Department. He grew up in the local area, graduated from Pittsfield High School, and began his law enforcement career in 1990, initially with the Department of Corrections in Concord. He transferred to the uniformed police force, eventually becoming the Chief of Police in Effingham, and later served as the Chief of Police in Gilmanton. After retiring, he and his family moved to Nashville, Tennessee for 2 years, when he received a call from Pittsfield asking if he would be interested in coming out of retirement to take over leadership of our PD. He returned home in June 2018. *Continued on page 3.*

FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

GIVING THE MATTER
CAREFUL THOUGHT -
BE SURE TO VOTE,
AS YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT.
WHETHER IN PERSON,
OR BY MAIL.
BE SURE IT GETS THERE,
WITHOUT FAIL!

-MVH



Town Crier Andi Riel, 435-6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Friday, October 23, 10am *Pittsfield Post* volunteers will hold their October meeting in the Bicentennial Room of the Community Center. Anyone interested in how the *Post* operates is welcome to attend.

Saturday, October 24, 9:30am Woodland Management Walk at Graylag Nature Preserve, 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield. Join us with Forester Bryan Comeau to learn about forest management plans and their implementation at Graylag Nature Preserve. This will be a free, socially-distanced but hands-on outdoor workshop where landowners and others can learn what goes into a forest management plan and how it is implemented. Space will be limited to make the workshop safe for all, so registration is required. Call (603) 435-5555 or email anne@graylagcabins.com

Saturday, October 24, 10am-2pm Bring your carved pumpkins to the Town Beach. Parks & Rec committee members will light them several nights of the following week.

Saturday, October 24, 2pm "Throw-A-Treat" parade. We are hoping to see lots of costumes along the route! The parade route will be starting at Clark St. to Oneida St., left on Manchester St., right on Tilton Hill Rd., right on Wildwood Drive, left on Tilton Hill Rd., right at fork onto Catamount Rd, left on Carroll St., left on Main St., to Dowboro Rd., right on Quail Ridge Rd., left on Dowboro to S. Main St. Continue down Main St., right on Chestnut St., right on Bridge St., left on Depot St., left on Barnstead Rd., left on High St., left on River Rd., right on Page St., left on Watson St., right on Lyford Hill Rd., straight through lights onto Leavitt Rd, left at fork to Loudon Rd., across Rt. 28 to Crescent St., left on Concord Hill Rd., slight right to Main St., left on Elm St., to Depot St., through intersection to Catamount Rd., right to Clark St. Any groups or organizations that would like to join the parade, please contact Minnie Plante at 290-4068.

Sunday, October 25, 7am-2pm Jack O'Lantern Jubilee – Calling all Pittsfield kids 18 and under! Carve, paint or decorate a pumpkin (no flames please). Drop your pumpkin off at PYBA Fields on Tilton Hill Rd. Write first and last name and phone# on the bottom of the pumpkin. Three CASH prizes will be awarded.

Monday, October 26, 6-6:30pm The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall to make corrections and to register new voters for the November 3 State General Election.

Saturday, October 31, 11-3pm PES PTO Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt – Calling all ghosts, goblins and spooky friends to join us in your car, or take a walk for a Town Wide Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt contest. Grab your phone and look all over town for our 31 creatively designed and specially placed pumpkins. The first to post on PES PTO FB page – all 31 pumpkins WINS! (1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes)

Saturday, October 31, 5-8pm Trick or Treat – The Pittsfield Police Department encourages all to follow CDC recommendations for social distancing.

Main Street Grill & Bar - Bring the kids to enter our October Coloring Contest! Fun prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!! Winners announced November 1st! We can't wait to see your beautiful pictures!

Parks & Recreation Committee Virtual Halloween Costume Contest. Post your child's costume picture on the Pittsfield NH Parks & Recreation Facebook page (with contact information) by October 28. The 3 most creative costumes will win a prize! Winners will be announced on the Parks & Rec FB page.

PES is looking for pumpkins! We have some fall activities we want to do, like estimating weight and turning them into fairy houses for the trail. Both schools could use water bottles. They can be reusable bottles or single use, but we like to have them for kids when they forget their water bottles!

2021 Pittsfield Historical Society calendars may be purchased at the town hall, or the Josiah Carpenter Library, for \$15.00 each. The theme of the 2021 calendar is "Before & After" – 28 pictures of old buildings in town and how they have changed. For more information contact Fuzz Freese at (603) 848-4488

Happy Birthday wishes to Beth Chase this past Monday. **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Marissa & Justin Butterfield on Saturday! I hope you enjoy your special days.



Pittsfield Police Department Station House, Main Street

Today there are seven full-time officers and two part-time resources. They patrol “24/7” and cover over 24 square miles. All town police departments in New Hampshire are independent, Chief Collins reports to the Pittsfield Board of Selectmen; however, the police are regulated through the State for certification, training, and training standards. All the officers are from the local area or New England. Chief Collins shared, “The size of our Department is about average for a town our size, but our biggest challenge in this current national climate is finding people who want to pursue a career in law enforcement.”

The Pittsfield Police enjoy tremendous support from the local community. There is little violent crime, and although there are a few domestic disputes and motor vehicle issues, the Chief indicated the drug problem in Pittsfield has improved significantly in the last 3 years. Over the last 6 months, the officers have been doing foot patrols. Chief Collins said, “These foot patrols, having a presence in the neighborhoods, has been great and it’s really helped us build trust and rapport with the community.” In the pre-Covid days, the police routinely visited the schools to meet with children; and they actively support numerous community activities including Old Home Day, the Balloon Rally and, of course, Halloween. The police also work closely with the Pittsfield Fire Department and often handle emergency calls jointly. They collaborate closely with the neighboring police departments and have “mutual aid” agreements with Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom and Northwood.

The department has also been focused on improving their station house on Main Street. They recently had the original slate roof on their historic building repaired; they repaved the handicap ramp, had all the wood trim on the building painted, and spruced

up the landscaping. They want the Police Station to be a source of pride for our town.



Chief Joe Collins, Pittsfield Police Department

Chief Collins said the entire department is committed to building trusting, friendly, and productive relationships with the community. He stated, “We are here to serve the fine people of Pittsfield, and the people are our eyes and ears, so please contact us immediately if you see something or learn of something that’s making you feel unsafe.” The Chief also wanted to emphasize that they are receiving complaints from citizens about telephone scams. He offers the following advice: “Do not give out your personal information over the phone. No legitimate government agency or commercial business will contact you by phone, asking for your personal information. Never share your date of birth or Social Security Number with anyone over the phone.”

The next time you see one of Pittsfield’s Finest when you’re out and about in town, be sure to tip your hat, and say ‘hello and thanks’ to the police officers who are devoted to serving our community and preserving our safety and peace.

MP Christakos

Joseph H. Danis

Joseph H. Danis, 77 died September 28, 2020 at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Pittsfield, NH, the son of the late Henry and Hattie (Curtis) Danis, on April 2, 1943. He was a graduate of Pittsfield Middle High School, Class of 1961. He served in the US Airforce and was also a Police Officer for the Concord Police Department. He took over the family business, Danis Supermarket in Pittsfield where he worked, owned and operated the market until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia (Flynn) Danis of Loudon; 2 sons, Henry Danis and Patrick Danis; 6 grandchildren, Sarajo, Joseph, Megan, Heather, Aza and Hazen.

Following cremation, a private family celebration will be held at a later date.

The Waters Funeral Home, David Pollard, Director is assisting the family with the arrangements.

COMMUNITY SPONSORS SUPPORT 5K FOR CATAMOUNT WOMENAIID

Area businesses are generously supporting Catamount Womenaid's mission of providing urgent financial assistance for individuals and families by sponsoring the Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5K. This virtual race will run between Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, November 1. Registration is open now at www.catamountwomenaid.org

The race sponsors are: Title Sponsor - Deerfield Veterinary Clinic; Community Sponsors - Northeast Delta Dental and Globe Manufacturing; Neighbors Helping Neighbors Sponsor - East Coast Signals; and Kindness Sponsors - The Blue Bowl, Candia First Stoppe, Deerfield Leathers, Lindt Chocolates, Northway Bank, Plumbing and Heating Solutions, TD Bank, and United Health Care.

Since 2011, Catamount Womenaid has granted over \$50,000 to neighbors in need in Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield and Strafford.

Select Board Meeting October 13, 2020

The second public hearing on purchasing of the vacant lot at 36 Main St. was held with minimal comment. It was again explained that the property has been offered for sale, and due to the highly visible location and our desire to make Main Street something we can be proud of, we'd like the Town to determine what gets established there. We've no firm plans but plenty of ideas, including input from the Economic Development Committee. The purchase money is proposed to come from a fund established years ago for purchase and improvement of "downtown" real estate.

The NH Dept. of Revenue informed us of the 2020 tax rate, which does not take into account using a portion of the town's fund balance. The Select Board uses its discretion to adjust the tax rate by applying some funds available to us. Although an exact figure will have to be pinpointed, the new rate will be about \$24.72 per thousand of the new assessment. The old rule of thirds on taxes should apply- one third will go up, one third will go down and one third will remain the same.

We worked on the 2021 budget again - so far with no huge surprises or dramatic increases. We are dealing with an increase of 5.8% in health insurance rates for all town employees. *Carl Anderson*



*Come and join us as we
celebrate our faith in God,
our freedom, and a loving
fellowship with each other.*

Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

**First Congregational
Church of Pittsfield**

*24 Main Street
Phone 435-7471*

Josiah Carpenter Library Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Talk about foods that are orange!

In support of Miriam Cahill-Yeaton

I support Miriam Cahill-Yeaton for State Representative. She is running in Merrimack District 29, Pittsfield, Epsom, and Allenstown.

I first met Miriam Cahill-Yeaton in 2011 when I joined the Friends of the Epsom Library. Miriam never ceases to amaze me with her dedication and energy. She is always full force ahead on any project she takes on and she takes on many as she is an integral part of many community organizations.

Faced with any task or responsibility, Miriam digs in attacking with all her resources. She is a dedicated, hard worker with great organizational skills, common sense, and the ability to research and understand issues.

As a retired Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, and an Officer in the US Air Force, she has a broad set of "life experiences" and talents. She understands the needs of families and of working and retired people. She is adamant that our government can and should work harder for all of the people of NH. I think that Miriam's empathy and insight are key characteristics of someone I want working for me in the House of Representatives.

I hope you will join me in voting for Miriam Cahill-Yeaton. *Patricia Curley, Epsom, NH*

Against His Will Part Fifteen of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

Trace had sent a cruiser. He didn't even come and get her himself. Jeannette sulked behind the officer who sat quietly in front of her as he steered them back down to New Hampshire. The car's police scanner crackled out bits of conversation.

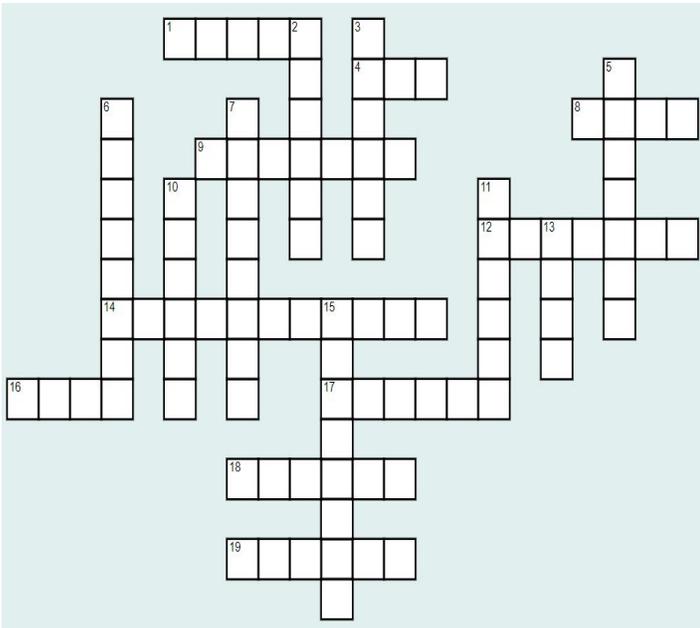
She felt mortified. She was no closer to having any viable answers to the great mystery on why the elder Mr. Parson was killed and who did it. Instead of finding out any concrete evidence, she had botched Trace's undercover operation, got herself locked in a dog kennel, endured being injected with some kind of drug that knocked her out for twelve hours, warned, threatened...and she was no closer to knowing anything about this eccentric family and its dynamics.

What had Joseph said to her? It's not always about what people will gain, sometimes it's about what they may lose.

What did any of them have to lose, in this case? If Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. was the primary inheritor of the original will, did that second will usurp him? What about the winery couple out on the west coast, Cameron and Alberto? There was something there about an unpaid loan made against the estate.

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Fall is in the Air by Minnie Plante



Across

1. Halloween treat
4. A rosy color
8. Season after summer
9. Dropping to the ground
12. We go apple _____
14. Corn with colorful kernels
16. Puffy flowers in fall
17. Hanging on branches in trees
18. Falls from an oak tree
19. Another name for fall

Down

2. A bright sunny color
3. The color of a pumpkin
5. These are sometimes horse or tractor drawn
6. Used for pies and jack-o-lanterns
7. A pile of hay
10. Midas loved things like this
11. A fruit
13. The opposite of warm
15. Bright and vibrant

Against His Will continued

Joseph, the 'so-called Dog Groomer,' was embezzling funds from the said-same estate and funneling them off to another country that turned a blind eye to such white collar crimes and welcomed the funds into their economy. Lastly, there was James. Reformed alcoholic, divorced father of five. Maybe James had enough back child support owed to really need that will to keep himself out of jail?

What about Mrs. Clough? Jeannette was sure the woman knew far more than she let on to. She was the late Mr. Parson's confidant, house cleaner, check writer...and possibly more?

Jeannette's cell phone rang. She saw that it was Trace and debated picking it up. He was sure to be in a bad mood on account of her behavior, and she was not prepared for a verbal tirade. She just wanted to get home, take a hot shower, open a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, and fall into bed with a binge-worthy series on Netflix. Her phone rang again. Trace's ID showed up.

No. She couldn't talk to him yet. She couldn't deal with his cheating and absence from her life. It was probably all a ruse anyhow, him pretending to be undercover so he could covertly go around town with that receptionist, Liz. The snarky, cavalier young woman...*girl*, really, who shamelessly threw herself at Trace and sabotaged Jeannette's relationship with him. How could Trace fall for such a dimwit? It was positively insulting.

Once again, her phone rang. "Well," she thought, "may as well get this over with."

"Hello? Hi, Trace," she mumbled. "Where are you?" he asked frantically.

"Headed back home, why?"

"How?"

"What do you mean, how? In the squad car like you ordered, thank you very much."

"Beanie, listen to me carefully."

"What?"

"I'm in Vermont right now, waiting to pick you up."

Jeannette swallowed hard. "How can that be..."

She then looked up and saw that the officer driving her had no patch on his shoulder or insignia on his uniform. Her gaze rose and met the driver's eyes in the rearview mirror. She knew those eyes. James Parson.

Cooks Corner

Aunt Pam's BBQ BEEF BRISKET



My dearest friend in the world, Pam Morin, (my kids call her 'Aunt Pam') is a NH native living in Londonderry. But for a few years, way back in the day, she and her family lived in Dallas, Texas, and she mastered several Texan classics, including this phenomenal brisket. This is true Texas melt-in-your-mouth BBQ brisket. It's cooked 'low & slow.' It's a commitment - you need to start the day before - but totally worth the effort. Serve with your favorite sides, maybe baked potatoes, coleslaw, and cornbread. Put out some extra BBQ sauce for those who like it saucy; make this and I promise - you are in for a special treat!

1 brisket, 8-10 lb size (will serve 10-12 people)

Basic dry rub: 3 Tbsp salt, 3 Tbsp pepper and 3 Tbsp paprika (or buy a good prepared dry rub)

Liquid Smoke (such as Mr. Stubbs brand)

1 bottle barbecue sauce (such as Mr. Stubbs brand - original recipe)

The day before: Beef brisket is too wide to seal in one width of foil, so tear off 2 large equal lengths of foil. Lay one on top of the other. Fold 1 lengthwise side over the other - twice - making a narrow, ½ in fold. Open out the 2 sheets and you'll have a good seal on the bottom. Lay the brisket on the aluminum foil and rub it all over (on top and bottom) with the dry rub. Seal it up and place the brisket in a roasting pan. Place it in the refrigerator overnight.

Approximately 8 hours before the meal, open the foil and sprinkle more dry rub on the brisket, then reseal. In the roasting pan (around the foil sealed meat), pour 2 cups of water with liquid smoke added. I lean towards 1 oz but for a smokier flavor, use 2 oz. Place the sealed brisket in the oven at 225 degrees. Cooking brisket at 225 degrees, 'low & slow', keeps all the juices in and the meat tender. It is important that the foil be completely sealed. After 7 hours, open the sealed foil and pour a cup of the BBQ sauce over the brisket and continue baking unsealed at 225 degrees for another 45 - 60 minutes. The brisket is done when a meat thermometer registers 180 degrees.

Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for 30 minutes, tented lightly with foil. Cut the meat into thin slices against the grain and serve with the rest of the barbecue sauce.

MP Christakos

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This year, I have submitted eight bills already, either bills I worked on last year which died due to the COVID interruptions, or to simplify the laws for the OPLC (Office of Professional Licensure & Certification) at their request. I'm also researching another constituent request, and am open to further ideas.

I'm asking for your vote in the election on November 3 so that I can continue to represent you in Concord. I will always report on what I'm doing, listen to your concerns, and help you as I can with problems with the state government. My voting pattern will continue to be towards smaller government, lower taxes, fewer regulations, and more protection for individual rights.

Anyone wishing more information can request my weekly email newsletter, with all the details.

Representative Carol McGuire

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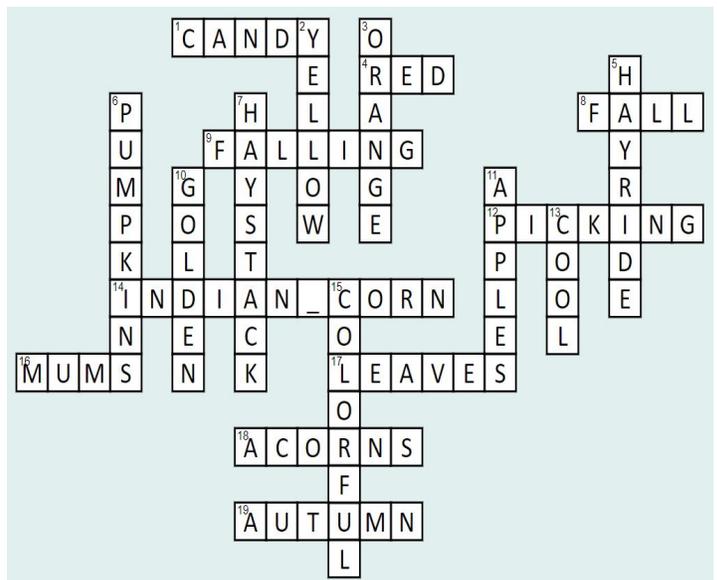
The holiday season can be a time for great anticipation and excitement; however, this year the prospect of facing the holidays may cause a variety of emotions—sadness, fear, hopelessness, stress, and frustration. Join us to learn helpful tips for navigating the holidays.

Registration is required.

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 5815 or visit www.crvna.org. Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program. Technical support is available to participate in the group.

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Fall is in the Air Answers



Classified

Community Center Function Hall Available

The Pittsfield Community Center has plenty of parking, handicapped access, applianced kitchen, and bathroom facilities. Low Rates Available. For more information or a tour of the facility, please call the Pittsfield Community Center at 435-6729.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Pittsfield Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment is switching their meeting weeks as of November 2020. ZBA will meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM & the third Thursday of the month, if needed, beginning November 5, 2020. The Planning Board will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM & the fourth Thursday of the month, if needed, beginning November 12, 2020. Meeting information is posted at www.pittsfieldnh.gov Town Hall & the Pittsfield Post Office. Questions may be directed to btheriault@pittsfieldnh.gov or 603-435-6773.

MIRIAM CAHILL-YEATON

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