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May 25, 2022

Volunteers Needed for Hosting of Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes, France

The First-class Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes, France, will be displayed for veneration beginning Wednesday, May 25 thru Friday May 27 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pittsfield, NH! A variety of religious services are scheduled between the hours of 8 am to 8 pm for the duration. More information is available at the website: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.

Volunteers are needed for this momentous occasion. There are many jobs and different shifts for those who are willing to help, ex. Ushers in church, handlers of foot traffic, provide parking info, trash duty and handicapped assistance. An evening procession at 8 pm requires bearers for candles, incense and the Cross. If you would like to be part of this exciting and honorable event, please contact Paul Morency socquiteas@gmail.com. You will be most welcome, appreciated and blessed. *Donna Cadose*

Please join the Pittsfield Historical Society at Sanborn Mills Farm

Meet us at the farm on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm, 7097 Sanborn Road, Loudon, NH

Sanborn Mills Farm is truly an old-fashioned farm specializing in 18th and 19th century traditional methods, crafts, machinery, and tools. Join our tour to see the only functioning water-powered sawmill in the United States to have both a *Circular Saw* and an *Up-and-Down Saw*.

This tour is sponsored by the Pittsfield Historical Society and is free and open to the public.

Directions: Take Loudon Road from Rt. 28 towards Loudon. About a mile past the Loudon town line, take a hard right onto Sanborn Road. (Some GPS units will lead you in the wrong direction—please be careful.)

Summer Camp Opportunities

Conflicted about what to do with the kids for the summer after school lets out?

The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again.

Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety.

The NH Department of Education is offering up to 650.00 in covered camp fees based on eligibility. To find out what camps are participating, eligibility criteria and an application, please visit www.rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov *LorrieLee O'Neill*

The Post Volunteers will be observing Memorial Day.

The **PITTSFIELD POST** will not be published on June 1, 2022.

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346
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May 14-31 - The "Field of Honor" is a living display of heroism flying as a patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans. This field honors all who are CURRENTLY SERVING, and those that HAVE SERVED, our community and country as policeman, fireman and military. Each flag and ribbon is \$3.00 and will fly from May 14th - May 31st in front of the Pittsfield Police Department. All proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a graduating Pittsfield Middle High School student. To purchase a flag for someone special to you, contact: Gerard LeDuc at 603-470-6942, Mike Cabral at 603-866-1742 or Mickey Vien at 603-540-0296. Checks are payable to the American Legion Post #75 and mailed to American Legion Post #75, PO Box 11, Pittsfield

What's Up at PYW. Drop in Hours 3-6pm on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri and from 1-6pm on Wed. Come check out PYW!! Please contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org or 435-8272 for more information.

May 27 - Pittsfield Senior Center, 55 Barnstead Rd - Friday, May 27, at 11:00am: Ice Cream Social—Let's kick off the unofficial start to Summer correctly! Come in and have dessert for lunch. We will have ice cream with various toppings so come in, talk, meet Anne, and share ideas. For more information Carol Schiferle, 603-435-8482.

The informative story, Henry Meets a Honey Bee, by Justin Ruger, has recently been posted as the StoryWalk® for the month of May. The queen bee will take you and Henry, the book's main character, on a tour to learn all about the life of a honeybee. Maps for the walk can be picked up from the mailbox attached to the bulletin board at Dustin's Park on Main Street. Don't forget to visit the library after you finish the story to pick up your FREE GIFT!

May 31 - Pittsfield Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, May 31 from 7-7:30m at the Town Hall to register new voters and make corrections. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is the last day to change party affiliation or make corrections before State Primary Day September 13, 2022. *Supervisors of the Checklist - Roberta J. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Hast, Ammy L. Ramsey.*

June 4, 8am to 4pm - The Annual Multi-town Yard Sale presented by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will be happening again this year. It is open to the residents of Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Loudon, Northwood and Pittsfield. You can enter your location for free on our google map. Links to the map will be posted online and shared a few days before June 4. To register text or call Louis Houle at 603-848-1553.

July 23 - Class of 1972: If you were in the Class of 1972, even for a little while, please join our Group. And if you know someone who was, please pass this message on to Louis Houle, Martha Thorpe Laurie or Brenda Lucey Cochran. Our reunion is July 23, 2022 in Pittsfield. This is the big one so let's make it the best one yet!
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Happy Birthday Wishes to Jon Ward and my brother-in-law, Fred Blais last Monday and to Tina Metcalf on Wednesday. I hope you all enjoy your special day! **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Scott & Pam Tepper on Thursday, to my sister & brother-in-law, Lisa & Andy Fries on Saturday!

Patriotic Concert – "It's America"
Friday, June 17, 7 p.m.
First Congregational Church
24 Main Street, Pittsfield



God Bless America!
~ Light refreshments ~

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To The Editor:

Last week I wrote to the Post about my experience after offering to fill a vacant School Board position.

Another Pittsfield resident and I each offered to be considered for a single interim appointment to a vacant Board seat.

We went through the process required by the School Board and finally learned that its four members were divided, dead-locked in voting, and unable to make a decision.

The Board, acting on advice provided by the Superintendent decided to leave the vacant position unfilled until next March and then 'let the voters decide.'

In my letter last week I condemned the School Board for failing to fill the vacancy as required by State law and requested that the school District's business, and the expenditure of the \$10 million annual budget be conducted by a full five member board.

Today I met with the School Board to discuss the necessity of having a full Board in place to conduct the School District's obligation to the community, its students, and the taxpayers.

I wasn't there alone. I was there with Louie Houle who had also offered to be appointed to the vacant position.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a condemnation from a Board member who told me that she thought that I was 'rude' to have described the Board as 'dysfunctional' in an email.

Then the Board got into the business of how to fill the vacancy. A motion to appoint Louie Houle failed as before on a 2-2 deadlock.

I suggested that the Board spin a coin and see how it landed, or pull names from a hat. This was rejected as unacceptable to a Board member. The statutory remedy of having the town Select Board fill the vacancy was also rejected.

It was once again a divided Board, the voting split 2-2 and no decision. I still call this dysfunctional.

At that time I asked Louie if he would agree to getting past this nonsense by us two flipping a coin, with the loser withdrawing from consideration. He agreed.

And then it got to be fun because no one had any money. Not me, not Louie, nor Adam the Chairman. No point in asking the member who wouldn't descend to coin flipping; and that left just one member who clearly could not be expected to be the one who might make it all happen.

What happened was that Diana Westgate, sitting further back, offered a quarter coin. I told Louie that I, lacking a thumb, would call if he would spin.

We did all that and Louie Houle won the toss.

I withdrew from being someone who would get appointed. Diana got her money back. And I have no regrets about not needing to go to School Board meetings. *Bill Miskoe*



Save the date – NH Gives June 7-8 Help PYW Make History!

Pittsfield Youth Workshop will be participating in **NH Gives**, a 24-hour online giving event, and we need your support! We have really exciting and spectacular news to share, but we can't let you know just yet...Trust us, it's **BIG!** Keep an eye out for updates, follow us online for more information on how to get involved.

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the House met in committees of conference. I served on two: SB 358, which was completely rewritten to revise the administrative rules process, and SB 313, where we added a new oversight committee for the office of professional licensure, and made a number of other changes clarifying their fee authority. The committee on SB 313 met briefly, and agreed on all the House changes; we also restored a section on the board of medical technicians, which had been deleted in anticipation of repealing the board (HB 1330, doing so, passed the House and was killed in the Senate.)

The committee on SB 358 stalemated because the administrative rules staff showed up (for the first time since I proposed the amendment) and brought up some difficulties. After that, the Senators refused to accept any changes.

At the meeting of the joint legislative committee on administrative rules, we objected to the update to the passenger tramway safety rules, since they were apparently creating a license for the lift inspectors. Our laws require explicit statutory authority to require a license, but this board has been operating since before there were such restrictions and just kept on going the way they had been... We also approved, by a partisan vote, the "Learn Everywhere" rules, which require high schools to grant credit for programs approved by the state board of education, as well as the local board. Last session, with a Democrat majority, we had objected to the rules – but they have never been challenged in court.

Anyone interested can email me for my weekly newsletter, with all the details! Representative Carol McGuire mcguire4house@gmail.com 782-4918

Dear Crabby:

My wife told me that our can of insect repellent was empty, and that I should get some more. When I went on line to order some, I found that if I bought ten cans the shipping would be free. So I ordered ten.

Now, my wife says it's nonsense for someone my age to order a twenty year supply of anything, including bug repellent.

And, she's telling all our friends that she thinks I am crazy.

What should I do? *Old Bug Dope*

Dear O.B. Dope:

Your wife may well be right, but you don't need to do anything.

She has just given you a first class excuse to behave in any way you want to.

Enjoy. *Crabby*

Cook's Corner *Shrimp Boil*



Many of us anticipate Memorial Day Weekend as the kick-off to Summer. The day however has solemn roots that date back to just after the Civil War and for several decades it was known as Decoration Day. It wasn't until 1968 that the US Congress passed a law creating what we now know as Memorial Day.

Meanwhile, I'm sure most of us are looking forward to the kick-off of summertime; and here's a recipe that fits the bill. This version serves 4 to 6 people, and it's easy to double if you have a larger group. Great sides to round out this meal are cornbread muffins (use the Jiffy brand mix), cole slaw (homemade or keep it easy with store made), and thick slices of juicy tomatoes. Add your favorite ice-cold craft beer, extra napkins, music, a little dancing and you just boiled up a party! *MP Cristakos*

3+ quarts of water

¼ cup Old Bay seasoning

3 to 4 TBSP lemon juice

1 lb baby potatoes (red or yellow)

1 lb **raw** shrimp, unpeeled

1 lb andouille or chicken sausage links, cut into 1 inch pieces

2 to 3 ears of corn, husked and cut in half (or 4 to 6 small ears of frozen corn)

1 large leek, washed & sliced, keep both green & white parts

Lemon wedges for serving

Melted butter for serving

Combine water, Old Bay and lemon juice in a large stock pot. Bring to a boil. You can do this on your stove top, or on your grill top. Once it boils, add potatoes and cook until almost tender, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Add shrimp, sausage, corn and leek; cook, stirring often until the shrimp are pink and the veges are crisp tender, about 5 to 6 minutes.

Using a slotted spoon and tongs, divide the mixture among 4 serving bowls. Drizzle each bowl with some of the cooking liquid. Serve with melted butter and lemon slices.

Pittsfield Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022

Towns and cities throughout NH update their hazard mitigation plans once every ten years. Pittsfield's Hazard Mitigation Committee is currently working with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to discuss and identify past and potential natural hazard and severe weather events, as well as human or tech events, and the risk to critical facilities and vulnerable areas. All citizens are invited to share what matters to you concerning hazard mitigation planning at the next meeting of the committee, which will be held at 1pm on Friday June 3 at the Town Hall, and via Zoom. For more information contact Rob Freese, Emergency management Director, rfreese@pittsfieldnh.gov

Pittsfield Memorial Day Celebration, Sunday May 29

Memorial Day observances will be held at 1pm at the Veterans Memorial at Dustin Park. In honor for all lost at sea, a wreath ceremony will be held at Mary's Bridge (Bridge St/River Rd) between 12pm-12:30pm.

Pittsfield Old Home Day

The theme for the day is "OCEAN WAVES & BEACH DAYS". We are changing things up this year! The parade will be at 10:00am and the parade route will be shortened a bit. There will be no activities in Dustin ParkBUT we are planning a great, family fun day at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool) starting at approximately 11am (after the parade). More info to come! The Historical Society will hold a dedication and open house at the NEW building and later in the day the Nevers Band will perform at Drake Field followed by fireworks. A full schedule is coming. *** We'd love to have lots of Organizations, Groups, Businesses and Classes join in the parade – be thinking of some "Ocean Waves & Beach Days" floats decorations *Andi Riel*.



Citizen of the Year!!

It's time to nominate a person for Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year!

Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town.

However, only one can be selected for 2022. Please submit your nomination with a short note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2022.

Nominations can be sent to *Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263.*

Nominations should be received by Friday, June 17, 2022.



2022 SUMMER PREVIEW RECOGNITION OF PITTSFIELD HS GRADUATES

**Upcoming Full Color
Special Edition**

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Deadline for Submissions **May 30**

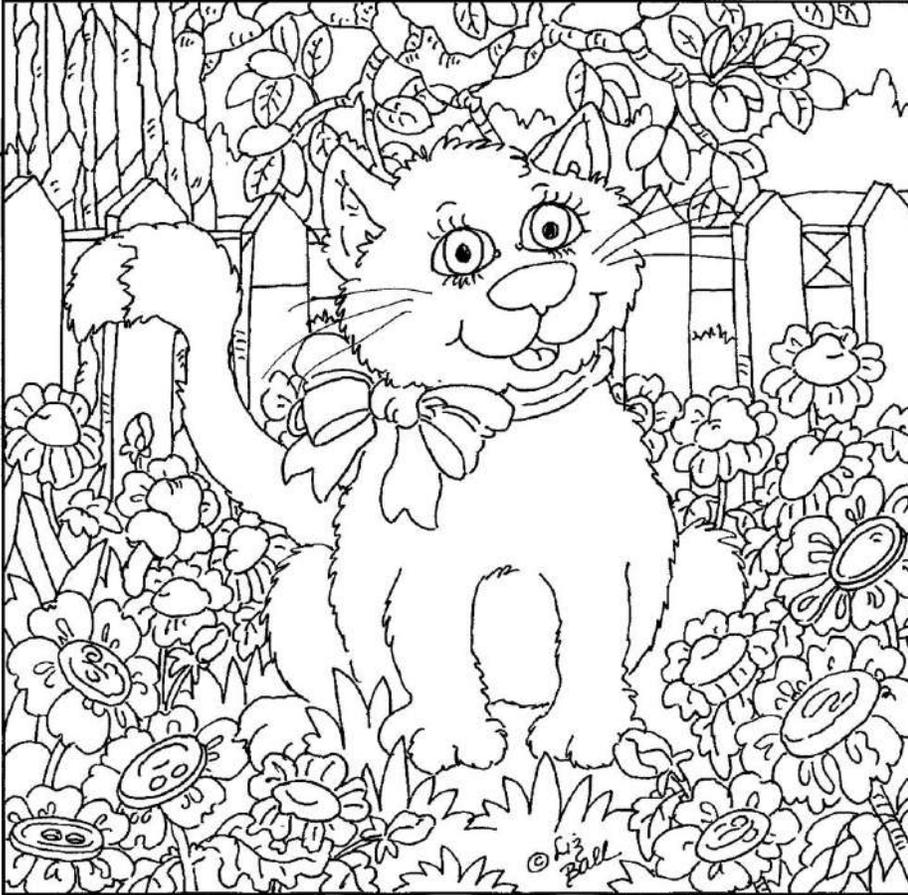
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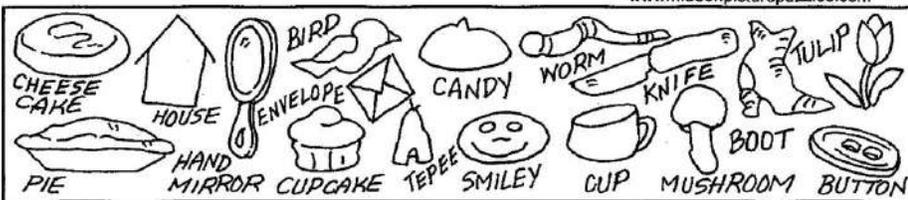
Celebrate Pittsfield Middle High School Class of 2022

The June 15 *Post* will feature the graduating seniors. We welcome any and all special messages and memories for this resilient group. The paper edition will be printed in color, so we have a very early deadline of noon on **May 30**. Please email your congratulatory wishes to pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org *The Post* Volunteers

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JUNE 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays, 10am Library Story Hour
10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays, 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays, 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
10-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays, 10am Library Story Hour
11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
8am-4pm Town Hall

Fridays, 8am-4pm Town Hall
1:50-2:40 PMHS Food Pantry

Saturdays, 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library
10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Wednesday, 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society
6:30pm Old Home Day Committee meeting, Community Center

2, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board meeting PMHS Media Center
6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

3, Friday, 1pm Hazard Mitigation Update Committee Meeting, Town Hall
6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

4, Saturday, 8am-3pm Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Multi-Town Yard Sale

6, Monday, 7:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 Meeting, Town Hall

7, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

8, Wednesday, 5pm Community Development Comm, Town Hall
7pm Pittsfield Historical Society tour of Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH

9, Thursday, Noon-7pm PMHS Student Exhibition Day
7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

10, Friday 8am-2:30pm PMHS Field Day, Drake Field

11, Saturday 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

12, Sunday 1pm Victory Workers 4H 80th Birthday Cookout, Town Pool

13, Monday, 6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting PES

14, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall
6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Recreation Area

15, Wednesday, 10:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library
7pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

16, Thursday, Senior Center Trip: Best Beatles Tribute Band
5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center

17, Friday 7-7:50am Father's Celebration, PES
1pm Hazard Mitigation Update Committee Meeting, Town Hall
7-9pm PMHS Senior Awards Ceremony, PMHS Gym
7pm *It's America* Patriotic Concert, First Congregational Church

18, Saturday 10am-Noon PMHS Commencement Ceremony, PMHS Gym

20, Monday, 9am-3pm VNA Senior Health Clinic, Community Center, call 224-4-93 ext 5815 for an appointment

21, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church
 Pittsfield School District Last Day of School

22, Wednesday, 5pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

23, Thursday, 6pm Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall
7pm Conservation Commission, Town Hall

24, 6pm Joy in the Park, Free Cookout, Games and Music, Dustin Park

28, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall
 Do you have a meeting or event you want to share?
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