

# PITTSFIELD POST

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Sponsored by Stan Bailey in memory of his brother, Larry Bailey, and George Freese **March 16, 2022**

"May you never forget what is worth remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten."  
Irish Blessing

## Our Life On Tilton Hill

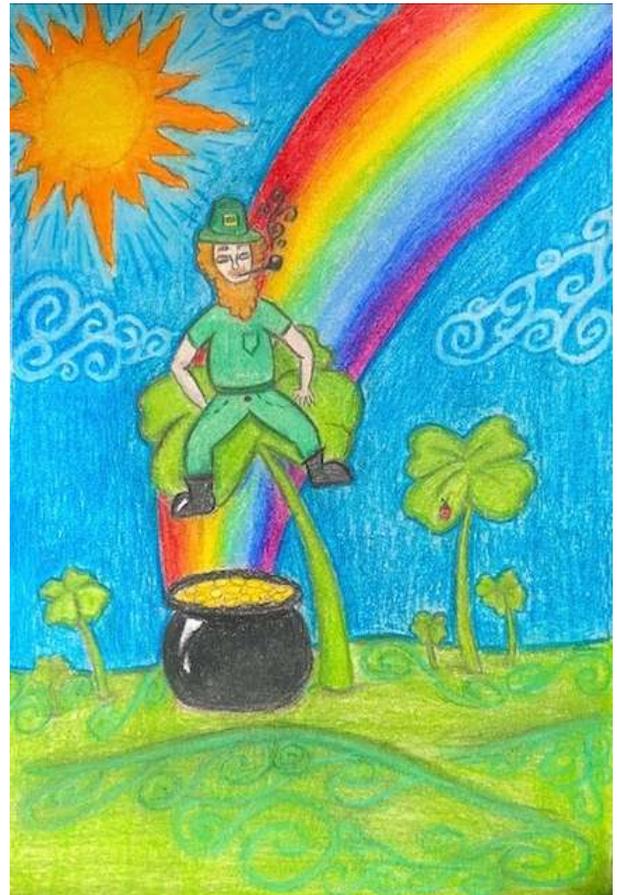
In June of 1960 my parents Ervin "Bub" and Colleen Bailey purchased the brick house at 99 Tilton Hill Road from the Ripley family. My brother, Larry, and I shared the bedroom that Wayne Ripley had and we found his stash of cigarettes in the heat register the first night after we arrived.

Many years later after a Rotary meeting I was talking with Felix Jenisch, Royce Elkins, and Hank Stapleton. George Freese approached us and said, "Stanley, when you were telling us about yourself at tonight's meeting, it reminded me of a funny story that involved me and your family.

This is the story that George brought back to me from my childhood memory. It was the summer of 1961 when my mother received a phone call from Molly Elliot who lived at their farm about a 1/4 mile up the road from us. She told my mum that her husband, Earl, was holding a beagle dog that looked like ours and it had been hit by a car in front of their barn. Mum told us five kids what had happened and we all ran to the Elliot farm. When we got to the farm, Earl told us Tippy probably had a broken leg but would be okay. Our mum drove up a few minutes later to take Tippy to the vet. As we were all standing around our dog, George Freese stopped on his way back to the Globe from being home for lunch. George said, "What happened here?" Brother Jim said, "Tippy got run over by a car and they didn't stop." George said, "I'll get help," and took off like a rocket. A few minutes later Dr. Conrad, Pittsfield's family physician, arrived and said, "George Freese told me that Jimmy was hit by a car." We all started laughing and my Mum thanked the doctor and said we were sorry for the misunderstanding.

As George related this old story to all of us that night, we all laughed with him. Felix said that George was teased about this story for a long time. I went home from that Rotary meeting with a big smile on my face. I miss all my old friends and their stories.

Bye for now, *Stan O' Bailey*



My name is Alexcia Rollins, I am a junior at Pittsfield Middle High School. I enjoy creating art and am interested in pursuing my artwork when I graduate! Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

## The Balloon Rally is Coming, Put on your Thinking Caps!

Hi Friends! The Suncook Valley Rotary Club has kicked off planning for this year's 40th Hot Air Balloon Rally and would love for all of our community partners to join us during the event. We have chatted with many of you in the last year or so about opportunities for area partners to participate in the Balloon Rally. One thing we are looking to do this year is to have some new activities (continued on page 5 )

**Town Crier** Andrea Riel 603-435-6346  
[pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**Pittsfield Youth Workshop** youth are collecting donations for Old Dogs Go to Helen! This nonprofit supports abandoned senior dogs, so that they can spend their final years living their best life thanks to proper medical care and loving homes. Donations we are looking for include, but are not limited to: blankets, towels, paper towels, dog beds, toys, treats, leashes & collars. Lightly loved items are appreciated and accepted! There will be a main collection box at PYW to drop off donations. Follow us on Facebook @ The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) to stay up to date with our progress and to find out where additional drop off locations are located! Thank you for your support!

**Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball** Mail in registrations will be accepted through March 16. Sign up fees are \$50 per player for all levels with a maximum of \$125 per family. Limited Scholarships are available. Payments accepted are Cash, Check or Money Order. Volunteers are needed – Coaches, Concession help and Field Clean up. Please contact [pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**The Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop** will present "Godspell, Jr." at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 17, 18, and 19, at 7pm each evening. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids under 12, are on sale now, and may be purchased through the players' website [pittsfieldplayers.org](http://pittsfieldplayers.org) or reserved by calling 603-435-8852. The Kids' Theater Workshop is a program for ages 8 to 18, designed to introduce kids to all aspects of theater production, from acting and singing and dancing to set construction and decoration, to lighting, sound and costuming. For over 25 years, the program has successfully introduced many youngsters to the discipline of theater arts.

**Senior Center.** Due to illness and lack of personnel the center must reduce its hours. We are only open for Bingo on Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 am to 12:00pm. The hours of walking are postponed until further notice. This is only temporary until we find a coordinator. Then the center will be reopened for its normal business hours. Please call the Center at 435-8482 if you have any questions.

**Monday, March 28, 5:30 - 6:30pm:** Soup's On! First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street. Your choice of hot and hearty soups, bread and beverage will be served. Cost by donation.

It is with a heavy heart that the PHS Alumni Association Executive Committee has decided to postpone the All-Class Reunion for one more year. We look forward to starting the planning process in the fall of 2022 for a wonderful, well-attended event in July of 2023. If you are interested in joining the All-Class Planning Committee, please contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**The Victory Workers 4-H Club** is holding their annual plant sale of 10" hanging baskets & 24" window boxes.. Hanging baskets: \$25 and Flower boxes: \$30 This is a great fundraiser for our local Victory Workers 4-H Club! Delivery is the weekend of Mother's Day, great gifts to give. Plants are locally grown in Loudon, at Pleasant View Gardens. Please contact any 4-H member or leader or contact Mark Riel at [amg1mar@metrocast.net](mailto:amg1mar@metrocast.net) or 603-435-6346 to place an order.

**Kindergarten Registration is on Wed, March 30th.** We are excited to start welcoming next year's kindergarteners to PES! If your child will be 5 years old by September 30th and you are a resident of Pittsfield, please contact Pittsfield Elementary School to sign up for a 15 minute appointment for you and your child to visit. We have appointments from 1pm to 6pm. (603-435-8432) If you have any questions or concerns about the registration process, please contact Kathy LeMay at the number above or at [klemay@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:klemay@pittsfieldnhschools.org)

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Tobi Chassie last Sunday, Gene Ladd and DRG last Monday, Kaileigh Davis & Stan Bailey on Wednesday, and Rick Davis on Friday. I hope you ALL enjoy your special day.

<p><b>Please Support the <i>Pittsfield Post</i></b></p> <p>Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC), owner of the Community Center, is the fiscal agent for the <i>Pittsfield Post</i>. PCDC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage in activities that benefit Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to: <b>Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Newspaper</b> P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263</p> <p>Donations are tax-deductible. Donations above \$50.00 may be acknowledged as sponsor of the week.</p> <p>Name: _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>I would like to have sponsorship acknowledgement: Yes ___ No ___</p> <p>Text for Sponsorship: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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On election day, March 8, I spent a long, cold, windy day with four of the school board candidates. I only found out after taking the picture, that March 8 was also International Woman's Day! From left to right, Sandra Adams, Sarah Marston Duval, Molly Goggin and Diane Rider. Clayton Wood

**To the Voters of Pittsfield,**

Thank you, Voters of Pittsfield, for your support at the March 8, 2022 election! Despite the frigid arctic weather, it is much appreciated that you came out to exercise your freedom to vote. A special thanks to T.H. for the handwarmers you provided the candidates. They were a God-send!

Please feel free to contact me at [sadams@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:sadams@pittsfieldnhschools.org) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Pittsfield School District, and I will see to it that you receive a response.

Again, thank you for your support. *Sandra Adams*, Pittsfield School Board

**To the Citizens of Pittsfield,**

I wish to thank you for electing me to the Pittsfield School Board. I am humbled by your support, and I am looking forward to serving you and our children. Please do not hesitate to contact me with thoughts, concerns, ideas, etc. I can be reached via my Facebook page: Sarah Marston Duval-Pittsfield School Board, by email: [sduval@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:sduval@pittsfieldnhschools.org), or by phone: 603.512.3310. Thank you again. Let's get to work! Sincerely, *Sarah Marston Duval*, Pittsfield School Board

**Camp Constitution's 14th Annual Family Camp**

**Sunday, July 17, to Friday, July 22, Plainfield, NH**

Camp Constitution's 14th annual family camp will be held at the Singing Hills Christian Conference Center in Plainfield, NH <https://www.singinghills.net/> from Sunday, July 17, to Friday, July 22.

This year's instructors include: Catherine White of The Constitution Decoded; Professor Willie Soon, one of the world's top atmospheric scientists; Rev. Steve Craft and Pastor David Whitney of the Institute on the Constitution. Mrs. Edith Craft will run our Junior Camp for children 5-11. In addition to the classes, we have field trips to local historic sites, swimming, hiking, basketball, volleyball, chess tournaments, marksmanship, and martial arts.

The cost is \$300 for attendees 12 and older, \$200 for attendees 11 and under, and children 4 and under accompanied by parents are free. We offer a \$50 "Early Bird" discount for those who register before May 1. Applications are available on our website. For more information contact Hal Shurtleff (857) 498-1309 or E-mail [campconstitution1@gmail.com](mailto:campconstitution1@gmail.com)

## Balloon Rally Continued

during the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 5, and daytime Saturday, Aug. 6, schedule. We thought that it would be a good opportunity for area organizations to host an event or booth during the time between balloon launches. For example....

Right now our typical Saturday schedule looks like this:

- 5am - Balloon Launch (weather dependent)
- 9am-12pm - Touch a Truck/Meet a Mascot
- 1pm - Anything That Floats River Raft Regatta
- 2pm - K9 Demonstration
- 5pm - Balloon Launch (weather dependent)
- 8pm - Night Glow (weather dependent)
- Fireworks after nightglow (weather dependent)

This leaves a LOT of room for activities and other opportunities for visitors. One thing we have heard time and time again - I wish there was more to do! The only way we can do that, is to ask for your help! Let's say that a community group, PMHS Booster Club (for example) - wanted to host a watermelon eating contest on Saturday as a fundraiser. We would put them on the schedule, advertise the heck out of it and support them however they needed - but the Booster Club would handle all the registration, logistics, event operations, etc.

Other ideas we had - but are open to pretty much ANYTHING - kids' corner, painting party, frying pan toss, potato sack race, etc.

We think that if a variety of area groups or organizations each hosted an activity or event, that would easily fill up the time. Plus, it's not a huge commitment like staffing a booth all weekend (which you can do too if you want). Offering an activity could be fun, and showcase all the awesome folks in Pittsfield and surrounding areas. It could be a great fundraising opportunity too! There would be no cost for nonprofits to do this - just like vendor spots if you wanted to set something up all weekend long.

If this is something you are interested in doing or want to discuss more - please reach out to Fallon Reed at [suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com). Spread the word - this year is destined to be the best yet! (photo by Diane Vaughan)



## New Hampshire Towns Word Puzzle by Diana Westgate

With the help of the clues below, fill in the blanks with the name of a New Hampshire town.

The answers are on page 7

1. Everyone + weight measure \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. White-tailed four-footed + meadow \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. Horse's gait & hide underground \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. Hay house & rhymes with red \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. Don't throw the baby out with the \_ \_ \_ \_ water

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## Cook's Corner

For our third installment in the 'Maple Month' series, let's look at ways to use the golden elixir in savory dishes. This week we have two great recipes that are both very easy to put together. First we have *Maple Country Ribs* shared with us by *Corine Miller* and *Maple Orange Chicken* that *Martha Moloy* sent in. Both of these 'mains' are so simple to make, you'll have more time to prepare fun side dishes. Bon appetit!  
*MP Christakos*

### Maple Country Ribs

3 lbs country style pork ribs

1 cup maple syrup

½ cup applesauce

¼ cup ketchup

3 TBSP lemon juice

¼ tsp each of the following: salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder, cinnamon

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Place ribs in a large kettle, cover the ribs with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Drain the ribs.

Transfer the ribs to a greased 9x13 baking pan. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl, stir well and pour over the ribs.

Bake the ribs, uncovered, for 1 & ½ hours (90 minutes).

### Maple Orange Chicken

2 TBSP olive oil

4 chicken cutlets, patted dry

Salt & pepper

¼ cup maple syrup

1 TBSP orange marmalade

Juice of 1 lemon

1 TBSP fresh chopped parsley

1 TBSP chopped scallions

Heat oil in a non-stick pan over medium-high heat. Season the chicken with salt & pepper then place in the heated pan. Cook until the chicken is browned on both sides. Transfer to a plate and keep warm.

Discard the oil from the pan and heat over medium. Add maple syrup, which will bubble, stir in marmalade. Boil until sauce thickens, about 1 minute.

Pour sauce over the cooked chicken, add lemon juice. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley & scallions.



## Maple Pecan Granola Recipe Thank you

I would like to personally thank Marty Brennan for the Maple Pecan Granola Recipe that was shared in the March 8th edition of the Pittsfield Post.

I have been looking for an economical manner in which to make my own granola, and this simple recipe fits the bill!

The greatest part of all this is that we're now into the sugaring season, so I have no excuse not to use locally sourced syrup being produced all around us.

Thank you again! With these uncertain times putting budgetary strains on already taxed households, simple, inexpensive and delicious recipes are most appreciated! It's time to dust off those old Depression Era Cookbooks and see what's cooking!  
- *Lorrie Lee O'Neill*

## MATRAS MAPLE OPEN SUGARHOUSE

Every Saturday in March, 10am-4pm

Maple Weekend: Saturday, March 19, 10am-4pm

Sunday, March 20, 12:30-5pm

*Come see our family-run sugarhouse with traditional wood-fired evaporator*

**821 Catamount Road, Pittsfield**

Maple syrup in plastic and glass containers, maple cream, candy, and sugar, and locally made products

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## What do you think about the decisions being made for our schools?

We would love to hear from Pittsfield Citizens about the decisions concerning where our schools are going. Close the high school?

Parental and community input during curriculum selection? Improving literacy and math skills? Let's have some debate on the pages of the *Post*. All opinions welcome.

Email: [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)

## ***The Grocery Store***

Last time I told you a little about the First National and the A&P stores. This time I want to mention the other grocery stores that were around when I was growing up.

I remember the first time I ever had fresh Italian plums. It was when Joe St. George drove around town selling fruits and vegetables from his truck. We lived on Broadway and one summer day he stopped at the apartments where we lived. I happened to have some change and decided to try some of that fruit that looked so different from anything I had seen before. Those plums were the sweetest I ever had, then or since. When the A&P moved up the street, it wasn't long before Joe & Tony's moved in to that empty storefront and voila! We had another busy little grocery store to take its place. In the early '60s my Mom worked at Joe & Tony's and it was a busy little store then, too.

We had a fish shop, too, that I think started the same way as Joe and Tony's. At least I remember Mr. (Riel?) selling fish from a truck going to neighborhoods around town. Then (or was it also?) he had a fish shop that I remember being under the First National Store. I remember walking down the steps to go into the shop below street level. This was brought up on a Facebook discussion once and I think it was a relative of his that said his shop was on the other side of the street. This is a good time to let you know that I'm telling you of my memories as I recall them, which may not be exactly as they actually were.

Pittsfield had a meat market then, too. Barton's meat market was part of Ezra Barton's farm on Watson Street. I remember feeling like I truly was the 'lady of the house' the first time I went to Barton's for meat as a young wife.

Danis (Danis's = don-ees) Market has been around my whole life. Every Saturday morning my Nana, Bessie Adams, would call in her grocery order and Mr. Noble would deliver it later that day. Puppy enjoyed a cold beer after work and Nana would include that on her list. But Nana was a fan, maybe even a member, of the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and her phone was a party line so to keep everyone happy, each week she'd order a six-pack of tonic and the store knew to deliver Puppy's favorite brand of beer. My grandparents lived in a duplex that was where the Family Dollar Store is now. Danis was in the same place as it is now albeit a newer version, built after the fire. My brother says that as small of a town as Pittsfield was, although he always knew where Danis was, he never went there until he was an adult. I had never thought of that before but it's just about the same for me. I don't remember the year that Danis burned down but it was a tragedy felt by everyone in town. It was heartbreaking to have something so familiar go up in smoke. It probably took longer to build the new store but it seemed to take no time at all for it to be back in business.

Danis let people charge groceries and most everyone settled up on their payday. I don't know if any other grocery stores did that, but I'm pretty sure it was just Danis. When the store burned down some families had to make other plans to get through the week.

Another grocery store was Varney's. It was on Main Street, occupying about half of what is now Jitters Cafe. This is a store that I never went in to. My recollection is that it was a fine store. I remember hearing of the wonderful aged beef Mr Varney sold. Varney's made home deliveries too.

That little house next to Family Dollar Store was originally Mimi Emerson's grocery store.

I don't remember her having much fresh food. It was right next to my grandparent's home and I do remember that it was well stocked with penny candy! Mimi always wore an apron over her dress. I can visualize this tiny woman carrying out and using the long, heavy tool to lower or raise the canopy over the front of the store. She lived in the next house up the hill. There was a big barn next to the house and the Bockus family lived across the street. When Edie Bockus got a horse, Mimi let her use the barn for the horse. I got up at 4:30 one morning and was thrilled just to help Edie clean the stall, feed the horse and watch her take a short ride. But I digress.

Where the pizza place on Carroll Street used to be, was Girard's Market and it occupied all of the first floor of that building. This was a bona fide grocery store with everything you would ever need to feed your family or clean your house. One thing I recall about Girard's was that Mr. Girard and his son, Paul, always wore spotless white cotton jackets in the store. Our grandparent's home was the center of the universe for us and these two grocery stores were right in the neighborhood, so that explains why we never ventured down to Danis.

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Mrs. Maxfield delivered raw milk and freshly made butter to Nana every week. I also remember seeing the iceman delivering a block of ice. What I remember most about that was that the iceman had red hair and his spit was the same color as his hair and that truly fascinated me! Many years later I realized it was the tobacco he was chewing that provided the color. Oh, and didn't I love to see the handsome Cushman's man, Sam Feurstein, pull into Nana's driveway, with his truckload of pastries. The maple frosted cupcakes were my favorite! - *Margie Lank*

## Grow, Learn, Read Daily Activity

Josiah Carpenter Library

**16 SINGING**

Sing or say and act out "Here is the Beehive."

(Words are on the back. ➡)



## HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive. *(Make a fist)*

Where are the bees?

Hiding inside where nobody sees.

Watch them come creeping out of the hive,

One, two, three, four, five *(Release one finger at a time)*

*from the fist/hive)*

**BUZZ-ZZZ** *(Wiggle fingers)*

### NH Towns Answers:

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2. Deerfield
3. Canterbury
4. Barnstead
5. Bath

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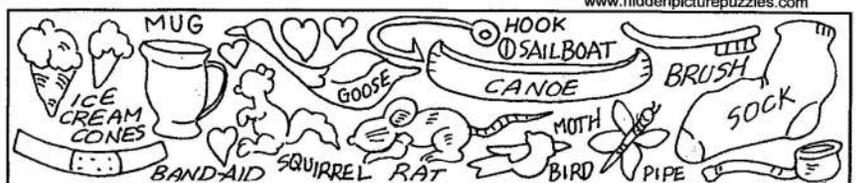
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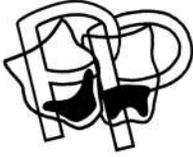
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