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"What the people want is very simple - they want an America as good as its promise." *Barbara Johnson*



Golf Cart Chronicles

What surprises do you get when you meander around downtown on a golf cart, watering the hanging flower baskets? Well, let me tell you....I came across Dan, the Man with the "Plan" and his posse, Aydin Thurston and Devon Thompson, both Pittsfield 10th graders, lugging BIG rocks in the process of yet another gorgeous rock wall - right in our downtown. Aydin and Deven told this 'roving reporter' that they are volunteering, helping Dan build this wall because "Dan is a good guy and we wanted to learn a skill and help Dan and our town!" Kudo's to Dan for his continued beautification of our town, and to Aydin and Thurston for stepping up and helping our community!

Around the next corner I see that Jack's Pizza is up to something; setting up a Voter Information Booth, right outside their front steps! I head over and meet Shawn Boyce, a Pittsfield Middle High School staff member and Heather, just another 'volunteer,' sitting behind a make-shift booth, prepared to inform voters of the absentee voting process, complete with hand-outs! When asked about what they were doing and why, they said they "want to be sure that voters understand the absentee ballot voting process," so that "everyone's voice can be heard." WOW! Another motivated group of people doing something to help others! Stay tuned.....*Donna Keeley*



REASSESSMENT FACTS

- (1) Higher assessment does not automatically equal higher taxes. The tax money that must be raised this year was determined almost entirely by spending approved by voters last March, and already equals a small increase. The only thing that automatically changes with higher assessment is the tax RATE goes DOWN.
- (2) The "Town" did NOT do this to YOU, the taxpayer, because we "need more money." By STATE LAW, towns MUST reassess every 5 years - and we're due. The Select Board did plead with the State to put off revaluation because we were afraid the market would be skewed by Covid. We were turned down, but so far the market has continued upward.
- (3) There do NOT have to be ANY changes to your property to warrant an increased value from the last revaluation, so assessors don't always need to come into your house. Your new assessed value IS supposed to reflect the actual market value if you were to sell your home right now. I've been in real estate 37 years and the new assessments are far closer to what you could actually get if you sold than the old assessments.
- (4) Listen to facts, not false hyperbole.
Carl Anderson

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Monday, August 31, 6-6:30pm, Town Hall
Supervisors of the checklist will be in session to make corrections and register new voters for the **State Primary Election Day, Sept. 8, 2020.**

FB Argue Recreation Area will be open thru September 7 The Parks and Recreation Committee decided that the Town Beach will stay open through Labor Day Weekend, including Saturday and Sunday. Closing date is Monday, September 7, 4pm.

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7am - 7pm To meet social distancing guidelines, the State Primary Election polling place has been moved to the **Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium.**

Friday, October 16, 10am-12pm, Senior Center Flu Shot Clinic by the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. Ages 3 and older, appointments are required. For more information call 224-4093, ext.5815.

Dominick's Restaurant's Fall Mum sale supporting local food pantries has begun, 8" pots are \$7.50, 12" are \$22. Plants are located outside, please pay inside.
Stop by and support a good cause!

Catamount Womenaid is a volunteer, women-led nonprofit founded in 2011, whose mission is to provide those in need with immediate, short-term financial assistance not available from other resources. Requests for assistance are submitted by a "validator" (in other words, a trustworthy source in the community). Catamount Womenaid serves people in Pittsfield, Deerfield, Epsom, Strafford and Northwood. Money is raised through various fund-raising efforts, including an annual 5k, which will be virtual so stay tuned.. For more information, please visit www.catamountwomenaid.org

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. A "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved

ones past or present, or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984. You can also contact Larry Berkson at larryberkson@comcast.net

Happy Anniversary wishes to Rick & Stacy Davis this past Sunday, and to Jen & Rick Walter on Tuesday!

Outer Space Secret Code

Directions:
Each letter has a symbol, to decipher Squigly's code just print the letter on the line given, that goes with the symbol. Good Luck

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www.SquiglysPlayhouse.com

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Josiah Carpenter Library
Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week
Playing: Pretend you are in a boat on the water. Ask your child what kind of fish they SEE.



Against His Will Part Seven of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

Jeannette sat in front of the blank computer screen, accessing her storyline. She doubted that she had much to go on. The story was there, but it was just beginning to unfold. Anything she tried to write down seemed circumspect and sensational.

Point: Millionaire Murdered. Point: Will in Probate. Point: Family Members Angry. Point: Suspected Missing or Hidden Will. Point: Mrs. Clough...What about Mrs. Clough?

She really wished she had Trace's support on this so she could bounce ideas off of him. But since he went undercover after Edwin Charles Parson, Senior's labs came back having traces of rat poison, the investigation fell into the cops' directive. He pulled the plug on Jeannette's reporting on the story: "*Millionaire Dies, Last Will and Testament Missing*," but she just couldn't leave it alone. There were so many unanswered questions.

As Executor of the Estate, Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. had sent the matter of the missing will to probate to investigate. Most likely he was stalling for time. His sincere belief was that his father had hidden the paperwork out of spite and control. He had asked her to locate it.

The family had gathered in hopes of reading his will, but were sent home empty-handed since the will had been sent to probate.

Factor into this the lollipop-eating snark who answered the phones at the Concord Police station and was hitting on her boyfriend and causing her as much misery as she could possibly muster, but without being fired for insubordination.

And who poisoned him? According to the lab report, his ingestion of rat poison had been over an extended period of time, so that any negative symptoms he had didn't exactly present themselves as being anything other than mere medical inconveniences. Headache. Blurry vision. Vomiting.

Whatever information Trace had on the case couldn't be shared with her, either. Did the son, Cameron, and his husband, Alberto, poison the father? Maybe they sent him some tainted wine from their winery?

What if the estranged son, James, felt neglected and abused by his father's lack of emotional

investment into his life, and murdered him out of malice?

And Joseph, the handsome rehabilitated alcoholic son, who she bumped into, quite literally, on the street. Could he be responsible for his father's untimely death?

Or even Edwin Charles Parson, Jr.? He knows what the last will and testament has in it that the lawyer is holding onto, as he was appointed executor of the elder man's estate. Perhaps that version has no mention of him in it? What if he's sending her on a false mission to disguise his *modus operandi*?

Her head was spinning. There were so many things to consider, and choosing a direction to follow up on was giving her a headache.

She knew if she could break this story it would get front page, above-the-fold status. Her editor, Evans at the *Concord Monitor*, would be more likely to assign her more genuine investigative stories to pursue, versus the fluff-and-stuff assignments she was being handed lately.

The four sons didn't appear very close, she noted. As step-brothers, they seemed to gravitate away from each other as if an inner force were repelling them from the inside. The only show of sentiment was when Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. and Joseph were alone in the room with Mrs. Clough, whom they hugged after the meeting at the lawyer's.

"What about Mrs. Clough?" her brain mused.

She found her apartment to be stuffy and claustrophobic, and was just thinking about getting out for some fresh air to clear her mind when her cell phone rang.

"Hello?" "Hi, Ms. Bassett," a voice said on the other end of the line. "Yes?" "I hope you don't mind," the man continued. "I was wondering if you'd be interested in getting a cup of coffee with me downtown?"

Even though he did not identify himself, Jeannette recognized the deep, bass-tone voice of James Parson.

He was inviting her out. For coffee. Just coffee, she mused. Nothing more.

"Okay," she agreed. They settled on a place and time, and Jeannette stepped over to find a sweater to tie around her waist in case their coffee extended into evening hours. There, on the inside of her windowsill overlooking the firescape, was the paper stick of a lollipop.



Cook's Corner

Sheet Pan Lemony Chicken and Potatoes

Who doesn't love a dinner that comes together in one pan? The combination of potatoes and sweet potatoes brings this dish up a level from the ordinary. If you're feeling adventurous, add some diced carrots and sliced onions to the potatoes before roasting.

- 1 lemon
- 1 lb Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed, diced into ½ inch cubes
- 1 lb sweet potatoes, scrubbed, peeled, diced into ½ inch cubes
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 4 chicken breasts, boneless/skinless, patted dry
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or tin foil. Grate 2 tsp. of zest from the lemon.

Toss the Yukon Gold potatoes and sweet potatoes with 2 Tbsp. of olive oil and 1 tsp. of garlic powder. Arrange on the baking sheet, spreading around to the edges, in a single layer. Season with salt & pepper. Roast the potatoes for 12 to 15 minutes.

Remove the potatoes from the oven; move the potatoes to the edges of the pan. Rub the chicken with the lemon zest and remaining 1 Tbsp. of olive oil and remaining garlic powder. Place the chicken pieces in the center of the baking sheet; season with salt & pepper. Roast the chicken and potatoes in the oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the chicken is done and the potatoes are tender.

To serve, squeeze the lemon over the entire pan. Garnish with the fresh parsley. All you need to do now is cut a nice salad, have someone set the table, and yell "Dinner!" Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This year, representatives who win their primary can file bills September 8-18. (I have no primary opposition, so my chances are very good!) Therefore, I'd like to invite anyone who wants a change to our state laws (or rules) to call or write to me about it. Except for this year, I have a very good record for passing constituent requested bills, and if it's a topic I'm not familiar with I can find an expert. I will be re-submitting some bills from this year that got abandoned after the Covid shutdown.

The House will meet for the final time this year on September 16, to consider the Governor's vetoes. Considering the previous votes on these 22 bills, I expect all the vetoes to be sustained.

Representative Carol McGuire
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Double Word Puzzle #7 by Diana Westgate

1. Food receptacle _____
Attractive girl (sl.)
2. Injure _____
Coiled
3. Sailboat maneuver _____
Negative remark
4. Healthy _____
Plumb the depths
5. Remove fur _____
Fastener
6. Flower _____
Got up
7. Condiment _____
Difficult spot
8. Type of jewelry _____
Wrestling term
9. Bill payer _____
Positive mark
10. Foot covering _____
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Answers to Double Word Puzzle #7

Food receptacle – dish – Attractive girl (sl.)

Injure – wound – Coiled

Sailing maneuver – jibe – Negative remark

Healthy – sound – Plumb the depths

Remove fur – clip – Fastener

Flower – rose – Got up

Condiment – jam – Difficult spot

Type of jewelry – pin – Wrestling term

Bill payer – check – Positive mark

Foot covering – sock – Hit

Outer Space Secret Code Answer

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