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Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. Al Bernstein

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Wow, George Bachelder 40 Years of Incredible Service!



George Batchelder, Photo provided by Larry Berkson

Kudos to George

Road maintenance in New Hampshire, no doubt, can be a year round challenge. A tough winter can leave pot-hole laden paved roads. A wet spring can make a rutted mud mess of gravel roads. High tourism traffic, as well as year round travel of local citizens, can all take their toll on road surfaces. However, here in Pittsfield, due to the knowledge, dedication and leadership of one outstanding road agent and his crew, folks do not have to deal with anything but extraordinarily well maintained roads, year round, throughout our town! For 40 years, George Bachelder has put his expertise and skills to work, rolling up his sleeves and guiding his team to keep our roads in tip-top shape.

As a Pittsfield native, a graduate of Pittsfield High School & UNH Technical Transfer Center on Municipal Roadwork, a husband, a Dad and an all-round good guy, George has always held a high standard for himself and his crew, as well as frugally managed taxpayer dollars and road maintenance funding.

Kudos, George, for ALL you have done to make our town a better place to live and travel, including your donation of wonderful forest as conservation land! Best wishes in your retirement years ahead!
Marty Brennan and The Pittsfield Post Volunteers

Hat's off to you for all you've done!

George has been able to work easily with other department heads, especially parks and recreation and the FB Argue Recreation Area. He has given wonderful advice on all kinds of topics, has helped with getting sand, and has always been ready to lend a helping hand. They surely will miss George's continued support through the years. *Minnie Plante*

Floral Park Cemetery



Special thanks to Laurie Houle for organizing the flags for our veterans at three town cemeteries. And thanks to the volunteers who helped put the flags out, John Hodgdon, Randy Hodgdon, Mike "The Good Looking One" and John Christakos.

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

Pittsfield Community Center is allowing groups to meet in the building as long as they follow the guidelines set forth by the State of NH Covid-19 Task Force. These guidelines can be found at www.nh.gov/covid19

Josiah Carpenter Library building is open for drop in visits on Monday and Thursday 10am - 4pm. Families and individuals can visit by appointment on Monday and Thursday 4pm - 6 pm. If you would like to request outdoor delivery of library materials phone, or email: 435-8406 lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Tuesday, June 2nd** at the Town Hall from 7-7:30pm to make corrections and register new voters. The last day for voters already registered to change party affiliation before State Primary Election Day is September 8, 2020.

The Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, through the First Congregational Church will be reopening on Tuesday, June 2nd with new guidelines in place for the time being. We will be open from 9-11 AM and ask that you please call 435-7471 when you arrive in the parking lot; clients are not permitted to enter the Church at this time. Weather permitting, we will place your supplies in a bag with your name attached and leave on a table in the Chestnut St. parking lot. If the weather is inclement, please call 435-7471 and we will bring it out to you. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

The PYW Pantry hours have been adjusted for the next few weeks in order to accommodate families that are already out and about picking up meals and supplies at the school. The PYW Pantry will be open on Thursdays from 12-3PM for the next few weeks. As always, if you have any special requests please feel free to reach out to Zach or Paula at 435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.

The Old Home Day Committee has reluctantly decided to cancel the traditional Old Home Day activities. Due to the ongoing pandemic we believe that it would be unwise for people to gather for the community fair, parade and fireworks. But we can still plan for summer fun. We would love to see Pittsfield decked

out in Red, White and Blue. Decorate your home or business! Kids who enjoy the bike parade can still decorate their bikes and put them on display at home. The committee plans to put up red, white and blue lights in Dustin Park and are working on some other "safe" activities....more information to come.

Good Wishes Happy Birthday wishes to Tina Metcalf this past Monday. I hope you enjoyed your special day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Scott & Pam Tepper yesterday, to my sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Andy Fries on Thursday and to my mother & father-in-law, Corine and Leon Miller on Friday.

CONGRATULATION PHS GRADUATING SENIORS

Dear Graduating Seniors,
The Pittsfield School Board congratulates you on your achievement of graduating from Pittsfield High School. We are well aware of the exceptional challenges that you had to overcome in order to accomplish this. We are so proud of you for persevering and meeting these obstacles head on. The School Board wishes all of you the very best in your higher education and careers.

Good Job!
Pittsfield School Board:
Bea Douglas, Chair
Heidi Asdot, Vice Chair
Ted Mitchell
Adam Gauthier
Jessica Poulin

Sewing Volunteers

The Josiah Carpenter Library has a display of donated cloth masks to give away to visitors. The masks are popular and we would like to increase the supply. Do you enjoy sewing? Have you made a few masks? If yes, please consider donating some masks to the library. Bring the masks to the library, put them in the book drop, call 435-8406, or email lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov

Josiah Carpenter Library
Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week
Talking: When you are reading a new book, stop before you get to the end and your child what he or she thinks is going to happen.

Thank You for Keeping our School Buses on the Roads

How many phone calls have you made between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m.? How many people have you even ever spoken to during this early morning half-hour? Though I haven't kept track, George Batchelder is the far and away the leader for conversations that I've had in the dark, wee winter hours for many years. Likely that George and I have had such a conversation more than a hundred times!

After a 'good morning' is exchanged, we got right down to the consistent purpose of my call: asking for George's evaluation of Pittsfield's road conditions, primarily in consideration of school bus safety. George's assessment of road conditions in Pittsfield have been detailed and descriptive, as they've defied any pattern of predictability: We've just finished and are heading out again; The main roads are okay, but we'll never get the back roads done in time; We've treated all roads, but they're icing up as soon as we've gotten them done; The back roads will be tough for the buses; they're not frozen over yet; it's very slushy. We just got back in, the snow's stopped, and the buses should be good to go (my personal favorite!).

Now don't think that our conversations have been limited to Pittsfield's roads. No, we've also chatted extensively about the nature of the precipitation that we were experiencing (words like 'light and fluffy,' 'icy,' 'wet and heavy'), weather forecasts (from multiple sources), and what other area school districts are planning to do regarding possible school closings (resisting peer pressure). Conversely, we've never talked about politics (local or national), religion, or what we did last weekend; it seems that the hour of our conversations and the business at hand have kept our exchanges strictly limited.

Throughout the years, it has been almost rare to hold a face-to-face conversation with George (usually at Budget Committee meetings). Through our phone calls, I have relied on his good judgment consistently, knowing that he serves the best interests of our students and community. George's candor, commitment, expertise, even-ness, and accurate observations have been a critical part of my 4:30 to 5:00 a.m. routine through many, many winters.

I wish George the very best for good health and happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

John Freeman



George's High School Picture - the good 'ole' 70's
Thanks for the Memories!

George, You Made Pittsfield a Better Place to Live

One of the benefits of living in a small town is knowing the people who work for us. When one of those people serves the community for 40 years, it becomes something very special and worthy of us all to take note. George Batchelder is retiring at the end of May after four decades with the Pittsfield Highway Department. George did not just work in the Highway Department. He was its Superintendent and its public face, and every Pittsfield resident, bar none, has enjoyed a better quality of life thanks to George's service. Pittsfield's winter roads are the envy of Merrimack County and beyond. Year after year the conditions of Pittsfield's unpaved roads make them some of the best in the state. George's leadership forged a solid team of equally dedicated and proficient public servants who report to work every day with care for the public's equipment and funds foremost on their minds. Along with caring for our roadways, the Highway Department has responded to fires and floods, torn down dilapidated buildings, assisted with waste water issues at the library and other places, trimmed trees, mowed grass, and fixed sidewalks. Forty years of devotion to any one thing is unusual these days. It is only appropriate for all of us to say thank you and Godspeed in whatever he decides to do in the next chapter of his life. George's efforts have made life better for each of us and the town just a bit better place to live. The Coronavirus pandemic no doubt curtails a lot of public celebration, but when you see George out and about, take a moment to say thanks for his gift of 40 years to our community. Good luck, George. Best wishes for great success in your next endeavors. *J. C. Allard* Chair, Pittsfield Select Board

Cooks Corner

BBQ (slow cooker)



It's always a good time for a great BBQ sammie, and this warm weather has all of us wanting to snag lunch or dinner outside on the deck or in the yard. Here's a very easy recipe for your slow cooker, you can use either beef or pork. You can serve these tasty sammies on slider buns, although I prefer brioche rolls, add some coleslaw on the side, roasted sweet potato fries, crispy pickles and your favorite ice cold beverage and you're all set! Be sure to put out extra napkins. Bon Appetit!

3 to 3 and ½ lbs boneless beef chuck roast
1 cup chopped onion
6 cloves minced garlic
1 12 oz bottle chili sauce
2 Tbsp packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp cider vinegar
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbsp chili powder
½ tsp salt
½ tsp ground black pepper

Trim excess fat from the meat and if necessary cut meat to fit into a 4 to 5 quart slow cooker. Place meat, onion and garlic in the cooker. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl, stir and then pour over the meat.

Cook for 5 to 6 hours on high, or 10 to 11 hours on low setting.

When done, remove the meat and shred with two large forks. You may want to reserve some sauce to serve on the side, or to add to the meat later. **Do not pour remaining sauce down the kitchen drain**, dispose of remaining sauce in the trash.

I typically try to make this the day before I plan to serve it, it just gets better over time. This also freezes well, so make a double batch! *MP Christaskos*

Word Scramble Wrap Up

Thank you to all the local businesses that participated in our virtual word scramble. We had one lucky winner - Jean Cram!

Welcome Back *Ping Garden*

The *Post* extends a big welcome to the return of Pittsfield's first and only chinese restaurant.

A centerpiece of Main Street since 2003, the *Garden* has been sorely missed while we have been adjusting our behaviors to live within a pandemic. The design of the take out pick-up is very well planned and constructed. Customers are thrilled to have the return of all their personal chinese food favorites.

Beautification Committee

The Pittsfield Beautification Committee would like to thank everyone who continues to support us and our gardens. We appreciate your support and the kind and encouraging words you share when you see us watering and weeding.

Next week we will be planting our island gardens and hopefully they will brighten your day when you drive or walk by.

We encourage anyone who would like to join our Committee and help us plant and maintain our gardens, experienced or not experienced, to email Carol Lambert at lamb_frog1950@yahoo.com If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Beautification Committee, please send a check payable to The Pittsfield Beautification Committee, c/o Tine Fife 1394 Upper City Rd, Pittsfield NH 03263. Thank you again for all your support!

Speaking of Flowers - Hanging Flower Basket Project

The Pittsfield Hanging Baskets are almost ready to be hung! Thank you to everyone that has supported this effort! Donations can be sent to Donna Keeley/Hanging Basket Flower Fund 256 True Road, Pittsfield, NH 03263



Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

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How and what are you doing during our new normal?

Send the *Pittsfield Post* your news

Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

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www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

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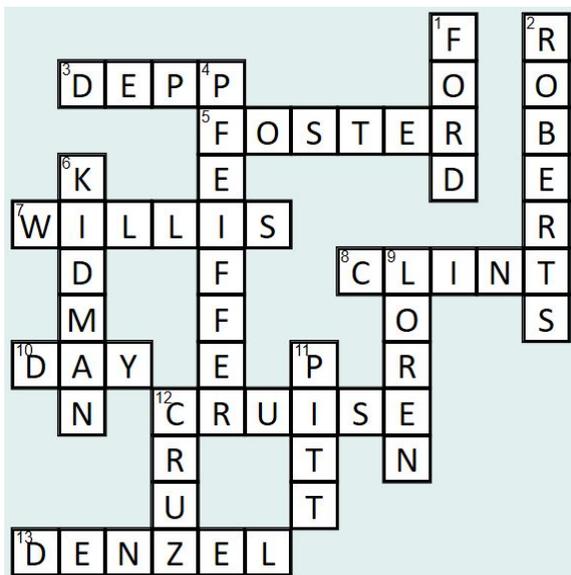
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