

PITTSFIELD POST

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"February teaches us the lesson of hope that there is a sunny day at the end of every freezing night." – *Anonymous* **February 22, 2023**



GREASE SCHOOL EDITION February 23, 24, 25

They're Shakin' at the High School Hop this Thursday, Friday and Saturday when The Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop presents *Grease School Edition*. The shows are at The Scenic Theatre every night at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids under age 12 and can be purchased by visiting The Players' website, <http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org>, or call 603-435-8852 for reservations.

Grease tells the story of Rydell High's senior class of 1959; of the duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head greaser Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their

"Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such favorite songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," and "We Go Together," recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley, that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals, along with innumerable school and community productions, place *Grease* among the world's most popular musicals.

Climate Q

Dan Schroth contacted the Pittsfield Post and asked us to print Climate information he thought would be of interest to our readers. The Post content team 'got to thinking' and figured we could have a column dedicated to changing climate. Dan gave us creative license, so we named it 'Climate Q'.

Welcome to the first installment...*Donna Keeley*



Did You Know...?

- Since 1900 the average annual temperature in New Hampshire may have increased by 1.73 degrees Celsius...
- Per the 2021 NH Climate Assessment Report, by the year 2100, most of NH can expect 50 to 60 days a year above 90 degrees...we currently average about 10!
- Mosquito season in NH is getting longer due to increased temperatures; from 1980 to 1989 the average season was 56 days. Since 2006 we are averaging 71 days of those biting bugs!

Town Crier

Andrea Riel 603-435-6346

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PYBA (Pittsfield Youth Baseball Assn)

Baseball/Softball sign-ups will be held at the Pittsfield Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 6-8pm, and Tuesday, March 7, from 6-8pm. Mail-in registrations accepted through March 10. Sign-up fees are \$30/player through Feb. 28 -courtesy of the Bingo Fundraiser. As of March 1, fee will be \$50 (Max of \$125/family). Limited Scholarships are available. Please contact pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com for more information.

The Community Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 4pm at the Town Hall.

The Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7pm at the Town Hall.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, Feb. 24, Joy Church. The blood drive will be from 1-6pm at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (800)733-2767 or visit their website redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

The Pittsfield Senior Center and Bow Young at Heart with Royal Tours presents a trip to Stonewall Kitchen, lunch at Warren's in Kittery, ME, and an Isles of Shoals Boat Ride on Thursday, May 25. Cost is \$122.00 per person. Please sign up NOW if interested. Reserve your spot by calling 603-435-8482 and talk to Anne.

Soup Night! The First Congregational Church will have Soup Night on Monday, Feb. 27. Doors open at 5:30pm. All are welcome. Only cost is a love donation. Bring your neighbors. Enter through the Chestnut Street entrance at the parking lot.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **Meet the Candidates Night** on Wednesday, March 8 (snow date March 9) from 6:30-8pm at the PMHS Lecture Hall. All candidates have been invited to attend. The format will allow each candidate time to introduce themselves and state the reason they are running for office. The balance of the time will be a question/answer session. The public will have a chance to write their questions on a card and submit them. The moderator will read the questions and each candidate for that position (Selectboard, etc.)

will have a chance to answer. The elevator at the school will be available. For more information, please contact Louie Houle at 603-848-1553.

The Pittsfield Elementary School PTO is hosting its first "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" and spring fair. They are seeking vendors for this indoor event. 8x8 spaces are \$35. Spaces are filling up quickly. Breakfast is 8-9:30am; Vendor Fair 9am-2pm. Come enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and visit the vendor booths. You will have an opportunity to take a picture with the Easter Bunny throughout the event. You will also have the chance to enter drawings for multiple door prizes. Pittsfield Elementary School PTO, 34 Bow St. Pittsfield, NH 03263 Contact: adamgau23@gmail.com

Girls on the Run program at PES will begin this Spring! The program is open to girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 (girls do not have to attend PES to participate). Sign-ups opened on Feb. 13, and registration will be open until mid-March at <https://www.girlsontherunnh.org>. The season will start on March 21 and will be held at PES on Tuesdays and Thursdays right after school for 10 weeks (we will not meet during April vacation week). Contact Paulette Wolfe at plwwolfe@gmail.com or 603-491-8386 for more information.

The Pittsfield Players will perform, under the direction of Meggin Dail, "A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time" at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., March 23-26. Go online for ticket info: www.pittsfieldplayers.org or call the theatre: 603-435-8852

Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield Head Start have partnered to bring the next Storywalk, "How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?" to you. Maps may be picked up from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main St. at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main St. to read the last page of the story, stop in and pick up a free gift. Library hours are Monday & Thursday from 10am-6pm, Tuesday & Wednesday from 12:30-6pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

Happy Birthday wishes to my nephew, Lucas Fries on Monday and to my great nieces, Emma and Ava Foster, on Friday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!



*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*

Ash Wednesday Service

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service, February 22, at 7 pm. As part of the service, there will be a time of prayer and reflection as well as the imposition of ashes. The Rev. David Stasiak will lead the service with the addition of special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lent is the beginning of the 40-day season of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It culminates on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Parking and wheelchair accessible entry available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street.

For more information, call the church office at 603-435-7471. *Nella Hobson*



On February 14 the House voted on a new group of bills. Representative Aron did a great job recreating the frustration of a house closely divided during her article on the Granite Grok. To sum up, there were four tied votes. The speaker voted several times (very unusual), and one bill took four votes just to be tabled.

HB347 provided for a Superior Court Land Use, which we voted for and was passed. It's a real solution to relieve the backlog in housing development.

There were three energy bills to give money back to customers. We voted against HB234, which repealed customer energy credit and failed to pass. We voted for HB246, which provided a 2-year period to use the energy fund to reduce customer costs. This bill was tabled. We could not kill HB418, which eliminates rebates distributed by the energy efficiency fund to the customer. This bill was tabled. There is not much the state body can do about the cost of energy, but killing HB234 and HB418 would help. Although we voted "yes", HB426 did not pass, which would have returned more money to your pockets.

HB374 would issue driver's licenses to illegal aliens. Fortunately, it was killed. We voted to kill this bill since driver's licenses are a gateway to so much more than driving.

The EFA program is an example of "Getting It Right". HB430 requires EFA applicants to complete at least one year in a NH public school; that failed to pass and was tabled. HB626 requires DOE to administer the EFA program, taking it out of the hands of a non-profit. It was passed and will NH House Finance Committee and then possibly to the NH Senate. Cyril and I voted against these bills and fully support school choice. Parents deserve more flexibility. More to come!

HB620 for a pre-kindergarten pilot program passed 184-171. Mandating more services from schools in times like these does not make sense. This bill still needs to go to the Finance Committee. We are confident they will kill it. Sincerely, *Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*

Hello Pittsfield Voters!

My name is Sabrina Smith and I am announcing my candidacy for a 3-year term on the School Board. I currently hold a BA in Psychology with a minor in Child and Adolescent Development and also carry a wealth of personal background knowledge in various types of family dynamics that give me a unique and fair perspective in most any situation.

Our family purchased a home here in the summer of 2006 and although we were both commuters at the time, we fell in love with the quiet little town of Pittsfield. After retiring as a hairdresser, I have gotten to know many of you from my time over the last 15 years working as a para educator at PMHS, school bus driver for Epsom Central, PES PTO Secretary, librarian at Josiah Carpenter Library, and also your town minute taker transcribing minutes for the Select Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings.

I am in support of Student-Centered learning approaches to education not only because I was a student who fared better through non-traditional schooling, but also because both of my older children were a part of this learning approach since its beginnings in 2008. My oldest daughter graduated in 2013 and is currently a successful RN in Florida. My oldest son graduated in 2014, served 6-years in the Air Force as a Meteorologist, and is currently attending UNH for a degree in Physics/Astrophysics.

I have recently stepped down from my previous two job positions in town to focus on the education of my youngest daughters in 7th and 5th grade. I have been attending School Board meetings regularly and would appreciate you giving me a chance to fill the 3-year term on the School Board. I will be writing in Sarah Marston Duval for the 1-year term and together we have scheduled a Meet & Greet to invite voters to come talk about our schools and try to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there ~ *Sabrina & Sarah*



Letter to the Post

So today is February 9th, it's 3pm, the deliberative session for the school starts at 6:30. Tonight I will ask for \$1 attached to a line item that says Climate Mitigation and Adaptation.

Asking the town for \$10,000 this past Saturday did not go well. I hope, if this new idea passes, to use the dollar to start a committee of students and adults, to get educated about what we can do to reduce the carbon footprint of the school and town.

This committee would make recommendations to the School Board and Board of Selectmen, and would also work to leverage grants and raise funds.

How can I lose?

Got home by 8pm, lost the vote. I was so depressed. I was trying to fix it in my head. All I could think of was delay. At the end of the meeting, Superintendent Brian Lane came up to me and said he would help me start a committee. I am overjoyed.

Dan the Stoneman



Cook's Corner **Buttermilk Marinated Roast Chicken**

We just returned from a fun trip to Virginia to see our family and while we were there, I was re-inspired by traditional Southern cooking. This Buttermilk Chicken is a classic! You can roast this in the oven, or cook it on your grill, either way it's delicious. I like to serve this with either squash or corn casserole (see previous issues of the Post for those recipes) but this chicken is also great with homemade Mac & Cheese and a big salad. Enjoy!

4 lbs chicken parts, bone-in (thighs, legs and / or breasts)

2 cups buttermilk

¼ cup plus 2 TBSP olive oil

2 cloves garlic, lightly crushed

1 TBSP coarse ground black pepper

1 TBSP Kosher or sea salt

2 TBSP fresh rosemary, roughly chopped

1 TBSP honey

Cooking spray

Place chicken pieces in an extra large freezer bag or a large plastic container with a lid. Add the buttermilk, ¼ cup olive oil, garlic, pepper and salt, rosemary and honey. Seal the bag (or container) and refrigerate overnight or up to 2 days.

When ready to cook, heat oven to 400. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with tin foil and place a rack inside the pan. Remove the chicken from the marinade and place on the rack then lightly spray the chicken with cooking spray. Roast the chicken for 1 hour and 5 minutes, turning the chicken over once about half way through. The chicken is done when the internal temperature reaches 165.

You can also grill this chicken on your charcoal or gas grill. When we grill bone-in chicken, we finish it in the oven at 250F for about 10 minutes.- *MP Christakos*

Express your Opinion!

Do you have questions or opinions you would like to share? Are you a candidate for an elected position in Pittsfield? Share your ideas or candidacy in the *Post*.

Submission Guidelines: Identify yourself and provide contact information.

300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.

Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.

Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is noon on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org We look forward to supporting an informed Pittsfield election season. The *Post* Volunteers

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Select Board Review- February 14 - The trustees were in to discuss how to move forward with dealing with the ongoing wet basement at Carpenter Library. Pittsfield flooring expert Larry Konopka volunteered his services to help coordinate a solution to this issue that first appeared after the installation of the handicap access ramp around the building that was required by ADA. Some flooring materials testing is the first step, the results will determine how to proceed.

The Board engaged in an extensive discussion regarding resident driveway issues, mostly due to flooding during heavy rains, deep snowpack and warm weather. Public Works Supt. Noel Gourley attended and brought us up to speed with several ongoing drainage issues, which includes a number of culverts that cross town roads and are up to the town to upgrade on a priority schedule based on severity and number of residents impacted. With regards to driveways, it was pointed out that the State dictates this responsibility in NH RSA 236:13, VI, which states in part: "the owners of property to which the access is appurtenant shall have continuing responsibility for the adequacy of the access and any grades, culverts, or other structures pertaining to such access, whether or not located within the public right of way". In other words, the town is in the road business, not the driveway business. It should also be pointed out that it is illegal to cause (intentionally or unintentionally) water or snow to be routed onto a town road. "Mud time" is already upon us, with the annual issues that always entail, and roads may be weight posted as early as Feb. 28. Noel has authority to waive the restriction in special circumstances, depending on current conditions. Living on dirt roads proves to be an eye-opening experience for many who are used to asphalt.

General "housekeeping" issues were taken care of and several Veteran's exemptions were renewed. *Carl Anderson*

Dear Pittsfield Voters,

I will not be voting for school board candidate, Sabrina Smith, not from malice, but because I disagree with the direction she would bring to the school board. During discussions at a previous school board meeting, which touched on parental rights and parental notification, Ms. Smith stated that if a 12 y.o. girl wanted to go and get a prescription for birth control without parental permission, she was fine with that because a 12 year old girl knows her own mind. Last week Ms. Smith made a point on Facebook to invite elementary age boys, who are confused about their gender, to join a girls' running event, I assume, to affirm these young children.

I think the news article via this [link https://www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids](https://www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids) speaks to this misguided philosophy. The article dated February 9, 2023, was published by a self-identified, lesbian who is politically to the left of Bernie Sanders. The author of the article, Jamie Reed, previously worked for a gender transitioning clinic. The title of her article illustrates the problem, "I Thought I was Saving Trans Kids, Now I'm Blowing the Whistle." Telling students that the solution to their self-doubt, which is often fueled by hours and hours on Tik Tok and YouTube, is to declare war on their own bodies is neither reasonable nor responsible. For the children, long term, *Diane Rider*

Letter to the Post

Hey Everyone, my name is Dan Schroth aka Dan the Stoneman. I am a product of Pittsfield and I am looking for a 1 year term on the School Board.

I live up on Clough Road with my wife Nancy with a great extended family. I am trying to get on the School Board so I don't get bored and so I can work on challenges that we all face. I believe in the 1/10th rule. That is, for every .1 degree of planetary warming we will face new problems and challenges; 1.5 increase over the last 120 years; .03 now, every 3 years =.1 every decade. So when our kids start high school, by the time they graduate, another .03, that's bad!

Chief Dan George, a Native American, lived in two cultures. His grandfather caught him killing fish for fun. He told him 'the fish are your brothers, they will feed you when you are hungry, you must respect them'.

I have spoken, *Dan the Stoneman*

MARCH 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays,

- 10am** Josiah Carpenter 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
- 9am-Noon** Pittsfield Historical Society
- 8am-4pm** Town Hall

Wednesdays,

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

Thursdays,

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

Fridays,

- 8am-4pm** Town Hall

Saturdays,

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

2, Thursday, 6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

3, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

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

6:30pm Victory Workers 4-H Club Meeting, PES

7, Tuesday, 8-10am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6-8pm PYBA Baseball/Softball Sign-ups, Pittsfield Community Center

8, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

6:30pm Meet the Candidates Night, PMHS Lecture Hall (Snow Date is March 9)

9, Thursday, 7pm Planning Board Meeting

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

5-7pm Firefighters Association Spaghetti Supper, Fire House

12, Sunday, 1-4pm Museum open, Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

13, Monday, 6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

14, Tuesday, 7am-7pm, Second Session of Annual Town and School District Meeting (Election Day), PMHS Gym

6pm Select Board Meeting, Town Hall

6:15pm Parks and Recreation Meeting, Community Center

15, Wednesday, 9:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

16, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board, PMHS Media Center

20, Monday, 10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Community Center

5:30pm Pasta Supper, First Congregational Church

6:30pm PHS All Class Reunion Meeting, PMHS

22, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

23, Thursday, 5pm Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall

7pm, Conservation Committee Meeting, Town Hall

24, Friday, 7:30pm, Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, Pittsfield Players, Scenic Theater

25, Saturday, 7:30pm Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, Pittsfield Players, Scenic Theater

26, Sunday, 2pm Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, Pittsfield Players, Scenic Theater

27, Monday, 5:30pm Soup's On Supper, First Congregational Church

28, Tuesday, 6pm Select Board Meeting, Town Hall

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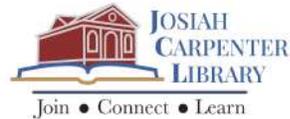


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Supervisors of the Checklist Session on March 4

Will be in session on Saturday, March 4 at the Town Hall from 10-10:30am to register new voters and make necessary changes for the Town and School Election day March 14. This is the last day corrections or additions can be made until Election Day. *Supervisors of Checklist: Roberta J. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Hast, Ammy L. Ramsey*



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