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"Balloons Brought Smiles and Sighs Over the Pittsfield Skies" Anonymous

Thank You to everyone involved for keeping the Balloon Rally Tradition Alive

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Cedric Dustin III

Pittsfield 2020 Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Dr. Cedric Dustin III on being selected as the 2020 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!

Many of you might know Dr. Dustin from his dental practice in town but he has also been a dedicated and generous community volunteer for YEARS!

Cedric was a member of the Pittsfield Rotary Club for many years. He was very involved in the annual Hot Air Balloon Rally – volunteering many hours for set up, clean up, shifts on the grill and filling in anywhere he was needed. He also sponsored a Balloon each year. In addition to the Balloon Rally he always was involved with the Road cleanup project, Penny Sale and was the main “cook” for the club’s Lobster bake.

Cedric has volunteered for the Pittsfield Historical Society by being a member, past President and also on the Board of Directors- doing what he can to help preserve Pittsfield’s history.

Cedric was a longtime member and Chairperson of the Budget Committee. He was the Town Moderator for a number of years. “He is known for being fair and knowledgeable when running the town meetings.” He has served on the HSA Committee; has been a Cemetery Trustee and is also a member of the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce.

Another very worthy organization Cedric has been extremely involved in is the Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC) – Community Center. He started as a member and has been the Treasurer for quite some time. The Community Center is a wonderful asset to our Community and Dr. Dustin along with a small group of volunteers are working hard to keep it functioning. He was



also an initial member of the Suncook Development Corporation and has served on the Central NH Regional Commission.

We are sure there are many other places that Cedric has given his time to and many other people that he has helped out. Thank you to Dr. Cedric Dustin III for all you have done; all you currently do and for making Pittsfield a better place to live.

*Congratulations on being named the
2020 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!*

**A CAR PARADE IS PLANNED FOR FRI, AUG. 7 AT 6:30PM.
TO JOIN THE PARADE PLEASE MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
OR TO WATCH THE PARADE - THE ROUTE WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK.**

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

Thursday August 6, 5:30pm - The Pittsfield School Board will meet in the PMHS lecture hall. The Board requests that participants follow social distancing guidelines when entering and exiting the meeting, as well as during the meeting itself. One of the agenda items will be an update on the plans for school reopening.

Friday August 7, 6:30pm - Citizen of the Year Parade
To honor and celebrate our 2020 Citizen of the Year, Dr. Cedric Dustin III. To join the parade please meet at the High School or be sure to watch the parade from your home. **The parade route will be:** From the High School – down Berry Ave – Left on Tilton Hill Rd – Left on Catamount Rd – Right on Clark St – Right on Main St. – Down Factory Hill – Right on River Rd.- Right on Bridge St. – Right on Fayette St. – Right on Depot St. – Right on Green St. – Left on Chestnut St. – Left on Main St. – Left on Carroll St. – Right on Catamount – Left on Oneida St and ending at the High School. You can decorate your car if you'd like in the Old Home Day theme of Red/White/Blue.

Tuesday August 11, 6:00pm - Pittsfield Select Board will meet at the Town Hall.

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 for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past, or present, or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks are \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters. 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.

The Drake Field playground and basketball court are open! We ask you to be respectful of the facilities and do your best to limit the spread of germs by following the suggested guidelines. If you see something inappropriate or someone littering please notify the Pittsfield Police Department.

Josiah Carpenter Library Summer Reading program is ongoing. **Visit the library from 10-6pm on Monday or Thursday** to learn more and pick up fun activity packets. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the library is open by appointment, for both individuals and groups. To make an appointment please call 435-8406 or email lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov

What's Up At PYW? Summer Programs!! PYW will be offering a different schedule of programs this year. All activities will be held outdoors at PYW from 1-5PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Virtual programs will continue to be offered on Wednesdays. As the summer progresses, we will take a look at our options and make adjustments as needed. Go to pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org to REGISTER for PYW's summer programs and activities! PYW staff will confirm your registration with a follow up phone call several days before the program. We are only able to offer a limited number of spaces per activity and will place additional youth on waiting lists in case of cancellations. A new schedule of activities is e-mailed out every two weeks!

FB Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Beach) is open. Now, masks only need to be worn if social distancing is not possible. Activities such as Bingo, Sandcastles and Duck Hunt have started again. Snacks are also available now. We'd love to see more people using the Town Beach area – come on down and enjoy it!

The Suncook Valley Soccer/Pittsfield Youth Baseball would like to purchase 3-4 automatic hand sanitizer stations for use at the fields to keep everyone safe. Could you donate towards this purchase? Even \$5 will help tremendously to keep our kiddos protected this fall during soccer! Checks can be made out to: PYBA and sent to PO Box 112, Pittsfield NH 03263

Happy Birthday wishes to Dianne Vaughan and Mary Thorpe this past Sunday, to JoAnne Ward and my brother-in-law, Andy Fries on Friday; and Tina Foote and Fred Hast on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!



Against His Will Part Four of a Serial Tale

By Apen Monicoeur

The man is bold and unapologetic. He orders for both of them at the open-air cafe.

"Thanks, Dad," Jeannette thinks to herself, while trying to not roll her eyes.

"I don't think what we're looking at here is a missing will," begins the elder gentleman. He places his cloth napkin in his lap. Jeannie notes his fitted suit, a soft sea moss, and his starched white shirt, open at the thin collar beneath.

"And how is that, Mr. Parson?" Jeannette asks.

The man cocked his head and scratched at his razored chin. Jeannette comforted herself with the knowledge that Edwin Charles Parson, Jr. had contacted her of his own volition, and that she had not violated the terms of the "Cease and Desist" order.

"My father, well, he's a dubious man," said the gentleman. "Meticulous to a fault, no doubt. But he liked playing cat and mouse. A man of his bearing certainly had a side to him that but a few suffered through. And by a few, I'd say his cruelty was mostly limited to his immediate family."

Jeannette sipped at her sweating glass of ice water, peering at the man above the rim. To her, he seemed quite like what she envisioned the elder once was like. A man who embraced his elevated station in life and buried all his ghosts neatly and discreetly from public scrutiny. Sitting here, engaging in this discourse, must be painful for him, to some degree. But years of breeding hid all that behind the face of stoicism.

"As you already know," he began again. "My father had us four sons. Four different wives."

Jeannette did not know. But now she did. She nodded for him to continue.

"All our lives he played us against each other, testing our resolve and dedication to the family name. I, the eldest, was told I'd become a lawyer. I am a litigator. There was no question about it. No deviation. That was **his** plan. He expected full loyalty." Mr. Parson took a nibble of bread from his side plate.

"So then came James, Cameron, and then Joseph, my half-brothers. Each one more of a disappointment than the last. Each one defying my father's will. My

father punished them by cutting off allowances and college funds. He all but disowned them."

"James married quite young and, after fathering five children, developed a taste for alcohol. He lost his family and his job as a car mechanic to the disease and now haunts the streets of Boston begging for change, with a face full of hair and clothes he collects from the Salvation Army trash bin. Nobody has heard from him in fifteen years."

"Cameron found himself in love, and wandered out from his undergraduate degree in Political Science to marry Alberto in California, where they run a successful winery in the northern part of that state. My father refused him entry to the house after he came out, despite his independent rise to wealth alongside his forbidden husband."

"Joseph avoided the stock market trajectory my father set him on and took to driving race cars. He made it pretty far up the racket until a crash shattered his leg so badly that he was left without a career and with an impressive limp. Joseph reinvented himself as a dog groomer and lives a quiet life with his wife in Vermont."

"I am the only one who followed the course laid out for him. And having dealt with my father's nature for so many years, I can tell you that his death did not visit upon him without his control in some way, shape, or form. His revised last will and testament is not missing."

Jeannette raised an eyebrow.

"He hid it," the other said, leaning across the table to whisper discreetly, "And you're going to find it."

Jeannette tried to swallow, but the bread just stuck as her throat closed up.

Josiah Carpenter Library Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Counting: Sort toys by size. Count the number of toys in each group.



Important Information For the Upcoming Elections

With the State Primary Election set for September 8, 2020 just about a month from now, we wanted to provide our readers with information regarding the voting process.

We spoke with Erica Anthony, Pittsfield Town Clerk and she advised, "Covid 19" is now a valid reason to obtain an absentee ballot. Everyone should feel they can receive an absentee ballot if they're not comfortable coming in person to a polling location."

You can apply for an absentee ballot either through the Town of Pittsfield website www.pittsfieldnh.gov or you can pick one up at Town Hall; or phone The Town Clerk's office at 435-6773 extension 15 or email eanthony@pittsfieldnh.gov and one will be mailed to you.

One application may be used for both the September 8th State Primary Election and the November 3rd General Election. The General Election ballots will not be sent to you until after the results of the State Primary Election on September 8th have been recorded.

Town Hall must receive your completed ballot before the polls close on September 8 and November 3. You can either send your completed ballot via US Mail to Pittsfield Town Clerk, Pittsfield Town Hall, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Alternatively you can hand deliver your ballot to either Erica Anthony, Town Clerk or Yvonne MacGlashing, Deputy Town Clerk. Please do not leave your completed ballot in the drop box, either Erica or Yvonne must receive it in person. Once you turn in your completed ballot, you can track the status on the New Hampshire Secretary of State website www.app.sos.nh.gov

For both the State Primary Election and the General Elections if you choose to vote in person, wearing a face mask is strongly recommended and social distancing will be in place. As we approach both the State Primary and General Elections, additional information will be available on the town website, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Facebook pages and here in *The Pittsfield Post*.

To the Citizens of Pittsfield

I am running a Democratic Candidate for State Representative District 29: Allenstown, Epsom, and Pittsfield. I grew up poor, the oldest of eleven kids. I have been a resident of Epsom for 19 years. I am currently a library volunteer/Friend of the Library; Volunteer Covid.

SST Alliance; Officer Legion Post 112. I was a nurse for over 40 years, an Air Force officer for 20+ years and a Nurse Practitioner for 18 years. My education includes a diploma in Nursing; BSN; MS in Trauma/Critical Care; Nurse Practitioner Certificate.

Why should you vote for me? I am honest. I have common sense and a wide range of experience. I care about people/families. I work and study hard to come up with solutions. I know how critical health care is. My priorities are kids, families, education, health care, drugs, and a living minimum wage. Drug misuse remains the elephant in the room and it is not going away. Big Pharma's price-gouging on drugs needed to maintain health must be stopped.

I believe in quality public education and know we need to change the way it is funded in this state. Your kids should not receive a second-class education because they live in a property-poor town or city. We must have better gun laws. I do not want to take away anyone's guns; remember I was in the military for 20 years and I earned a small arms expert ribbon.

Miriam Cahill-Yeaton, nmyeaton.mims@yahoo.com
603-731-1810

<p>MIRIAM CAHILL-YEATON STATE REP 29 • ALLENSTOWN/EPSOM/PITTSFIELD</p> <p>Education: BS Nursing; MS Trauma Critical Care; NP Certificate</p> <p>Veteran: Air Force Officer 20+ yrs</p> <p>Community: Library Volunteer; Legionnaire; Covid Volunteer</p> <p>Priorities: Healthcare • Prochoice • Equality • Education funding Living minimum wage nmyeaton.mims@yahoo.com • 731-1810 Fiscal agent: NDYeaton</p>

Select Board Review July 28, 2020

Scott Lacroix, Code Compliance Officer was in to sign his contract. He'll be working up to 20 hours/week as building inspector, zoning administrator and code compliance officer. He has hours by appointment (call 715-6624) at the Town Hall Mondays 1-7pm and Wednesdays. 7am -1pm.

Pittsfield taxpayers have really stepped up despite Covid19 challenges, with tax revenue coming in on time at least as punctual as a "normal" year. The select board truly appreciates being able to meet our financial obligations without having to borrow money in anticipation of what "might" be collected.

Budget season is already upon us, so the Capital Improvement Plan, Budget Committee and Select Board must ramp up meetings and hearings in order to meet SB2 deadlines.

Parks & Recreation, Pittsfield Youth Workshop and the Library have requested moving four picnic tables being underused at the pool to Dustin Park where PYW, the Library and the public can use them. We approved, subject to the trash being policed by volunteers and CDC "clean-up" guidelines being posted at the tables. We hope this "first come, first served" use of town property will be successful.

Two public hearings are scheduled for the select board meeting August 11. First will be public input regarding a donation to the town in excess of \$10,000 (required by state law). The second hearing will be to hear public input regarding a proposed Health Ordinance. Based in large part on that public input, the Board may move forward with placing the proposed ordinance on the ballot next March to ultimately be decided by the voters. *Carl Anderson*

The Pittsfield Post Loves News!

Do you have an interesting story to tell, or maybe you want to share info with your friends and neighbors? Are you a member of a community group that has news to share? Send us your news by noon on Friday!

pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org



Double Word Puzzle #6 by Diana Westgate

Instructions: Find the word that satisfies both definitions

1. Food holder _____
Cover with metal
2. A cooking receptacle _____
Cannabis term
3. Found on some shoes _____
Decorative material
4. Computer part _____
Snack food
5. Musical element _____
Short piece of writing
6. Found in musical notation _____
The part left over
7. Category of golf clubs _____
What trees form together
8. Witches' incantation _____
A few days together
9. A distance measure _____
Part of fishing gear
10. What the sun give your skin _____
Another name for beige

The answers are on page seven.

Advertising in the Post

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad.
Guidelines and order forms are located at

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Join the Red Cross Disaster Shelter Team!

We know that you support your community 365 days a year. This is why we are inviting you to join us and offer support when disaster strikes. As we gear up to become prepared for the upcoming hurricane and wildfire seasons we are in need of volunteers statewide. This season poses some challenges as it has been predicted to be quite active and we have already seen an influx of storms for this time of year. In addition we will be incorporating new COVID-19 safety practices.

Volunteers are needed to support the day-to-day activities within a shelter which may include working in reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information, or other areas within a shelter. Free online training will be provided. If the need arises, volunteers are asked to commit to multiple local shifts of 4, 6 or 12 hours each. For those able to travel outside of their local area, a commitment of at least 14 consecutive days, working 8 or 12 hour shifts is required. To apply sign up at www.redcross.org/volunteertoday

We will be hosting two virtual information sessions for those who are interested in learning more about these meaningful and exciting opportunities. Please consider joining us on Monday, August 10th from 5-6:00pm or Wednesday, August 12th from 12-1:00pm to learn more, ask questions, and gain clarity around this opportunity. Please register for one of these two sessions by emailing Erica at Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org.

Water Tips and Info Courtesy of Epping Well and Pump

Pittsfield has a community water System in addition to many private wells.

Each year, our water systems operator, Pennichuck Corporation, is required to create and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report. The report includes any test results that were non-conforming over the previous 5 years.

If you'd like to review this information on line go to www.pennichuck.com/pdf/CCR-Q0.pdf

If you have questions about *your* water, please contact Kathy Kelley in our office on Main Street at 603-435-6616; she will do her best to answer your questions.



Cook's Corner Tomato and Onion Pie *Oh My!*

Have you seen those gorgeous tomatoes at the farmers' markets? Or are you wondering what you're going to do with the bumper crop of tomatoes growing in your backyard? Well here's an easy and very tasty idea that will definitely bring smiles around your table.

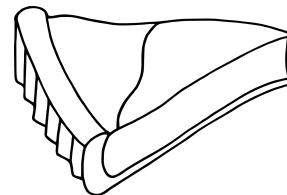
- 1 cup fresh, fine bread crumbs or Panko
- 3 cups sliced tomatoes, preferably large beefsteak variety
- ½ to 1 cup thinly sliced onion, preferably Vidalia
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- Salt & pepper
- 3 to 4 strips of bacon, halved crosswise
(or ¼ cup of precooked bacon crumbles and ¼ cup sliced scallions)

Heat oven to 325F and butter a 9 inch glass or ceramic baking dish or deep dish pie plate.

Sprinkle ½ cup bread crumbs evenly on the bottom of the baking dish. Arrange half of the tomatoes on top of the bread crumbs, sprinkle with a little salt & pepper. Then layer half of the onion slices on top of the tomatoes. Sprinkle half of the cheese on top of the onions. Then repeat the same layering process. Pour the eggs over the whole pie.

You can top the pie with the sliced bacon in a lattice work design and bake the pie in the middle rack of the oven for about 45 minutes or until the bacon is crisp. Or you can omit the bacon and when the pie comes out of the oven top the pie with bacon crumbles and scallions.

What a fun Summer dish, especially now when fresh tomatoes are bountiful. This pie is great served alongside grilled chicken or fish or serve this with a big pan of scrambled eggs for a neat 'breakfast for dinner' date. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*



Answers to Double Word Puzzle #6

1. Food holder – **plate** – Cover with metal
2. A cooking receptacle – **pot** – Cannabis term
3. Found on some shoes – **lace** – Decorative material
4. Computer part – **chip** – Snack food
5. Musical element – **note** – Short piece of writing
6. Found in musical notation – **rest** – The part left over
7. Category of golf clubs – **woods** – What trees form together
8. Witches' incantation – **spell** – A few days together
9. A distance measure – **rod** – Part of fishing gear
10. What the sun gives your skin – **tan** – Another name for beige

Classifieds

Josiah Carpenter Library

Is hiring a part-time circulation services assistant. Friendly, patient, multi-tasker needed to help customers, check materials in and out, shelve materials and other duties as assigned. Must enjoy working with people of all ages; have good communication skills, both oral and written; be computer literate, and reliable. Schedule includes evening and Saturday hours. Minimum \$10.00/ hour, 8-12 hours per week. Call Leslie at 435-8406, or go to www.pittsfieldnh.gov/applications-forms-permits/pages/applications-forms and send the application to Leslie Vogt, Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 or lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov

Epsom Healthcare Center

Is hiring part-time Dietary Aides, we are an equal opportunity facility. Dietary Aides help to provide our wonderful residents with hot and nutritious meals. They help with cleaning of the kitchen and washing of the dishes after meal services. No late nights, out by 8pm every night. For more information please call, Beth, at (603)736-4772.

Community Center Function Hall Available

The Pittsfield Community Center has plenty of parking, handicapped access, applianced kitchen, and bathroom facilities. Low Rates Available, for more information or a tour of the facility please call the Pittsfield Community Center at 435-6729.

Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC), owner of the Community Center, is the fiscal agent for the *Pittsfield Post*. PCDC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage in activities that benefit Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to:

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Newspaper
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For any property you own but only use part of the time, follow these instructions:

1. Visit www.my2020census.gov
2. Enter the Census ID or address for this secondary property
3. Enter "0" for the number of people living at this property
4. Hit Next, and when a "soft error" occurs, click Next again
5. Select "No" when asked to confirm no person lives at this property
6. Select primary reason - Seasonal (most likely)
7. Complete! If you have already completed the 2020 Census for your primary residence you can exit at this point.

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