

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

2023 TRIBUTE TO OUR GRADUATES

“LOVE THE LIFE YOU LIVE, LIVE THE LIFE YOU LOVE.” – BOB MARLEY

JUNE 7, 2023



PMHS CLASS OF 2023

Back row left to right: Alexcia Rollins, David Flores, Rhianna Daly **Upper middle row left to right:** Garrett Mullen, Felix Munoz, Abraham Marcotte, Aydin Thurston, Jared Beliveau, Nicholas Mistler **Lower middle row left to right:** Amber Peterson, Briar Bell, Juliana Morse, Alexis Hodgdon, Olivia Tobin **Front row left to right:** Marissa Ware, Trevor Mills, Parker Clark, Ashton Borkman, Keegan Ryan, Faith Griffin **Not pictured:** Annabelle Cote, Chevelle Paquette, Gage Church-Bursey, Owen Bartlett

A Letter to the Graduates

Dear members of the Pittsfield Middle High School Class of 2023:

“The sky’s the limit!”

Those words are told frequently to high school seniors as they prepare for life after graduation. But is the sky really the limit?

During your time in high school, you have literally been able to see a rover land on Mars and view the pictures it has sent back to Earth.

You have been able to watch the final moments before a NASA spacecraft crashed into an asteroid.

And just in April, you were able to watch the announcement of a crew of astronauts chosen for the first manned mission to the moon in decades. The crew includes the first woman, the first person of color and the first Canadian.

So is the sky really the limit? For you, Class of 2023, there is no limit. Reach for the stars!

The Alumni Association has worked for many years on behalf of the students of PMHS to help them on their journey here on Earth – and beyond. Congratulations from all of us, and best wishes as you take the next steps of your lives, no matter how far they take you.

Sincerely,

The PHS Alumni Association Executive Board



Pittsfield Middle High School
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

'You and you alone are the only person who can live the life that writes the story that you were meant to tell.' — Kerry Washington



Owen Bartlett

Owen Bartlett

Activities: Drama Club **Next Year's Plan:** Job Corps - Computer Science, then to have a career in the Information Technology field.

Jared Beliveau

Activities: Basketball, Baseball, Future Business Leaders, Ski and Snowboard Club, Yearbook **Next Year's Plan:** Going to SNHU to possibly study engineering. Then, to have a good career and make some money.



Jared Beliveau

Briar Bell

Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Future Business Leaders, Yearbook, Prom committee, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio **Next Year's Plan:** To attend New Hampshire Technical Institute for General Studies and apply to their Environmental Science program. Then, to use my degrees to help the environment and animals.

Ashton Borkman

Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Ski and Snowboard **Next Year's Plan:** I'm still undecided whether I want to have my future in sports management or in plumbing so, hopefully, working on being a master plumber, or work on something around sports.



Briar Bell

Gage Church-Burse

Next Year's Plan: My plans for next year are to continue my career in racing monster trucks and to operate heavy equipment. My future plans are to successfully run a monster truck team with two competing trucks.

Parker Clark

Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Ski and Snowboard Club, Yearbook, Senior Class Vice President **Next Year's Plan:** Attend New England College, and to go with the flow, in the future.



Ashton Borkman

Annabelle Cote

Activities: Softball, CRTC – Emergency Services **Next Year's Plan:** To attend New England College and earn my bachelor's degree in Nursing. Then, to become a nurse, help others, and possibly to do Nursing overseas.

Rhianna Daly

Future Plan: Real Estate Agent.



Gage Church Burse



Parker Clark



Annabelle Cote



Rhianna Daly



David Flores

David Flores

Activities: Basketball, Ski and Snowboard, Yearbook **Next Year's Plan:** I plan on attending New Hampshire Technical Institute to major in Business Administration. I want to eventually become an entrepreneur/business owner.



Nicholas Mistler

Faith Griffin

Activities: Soccer, Ski and Snowboard, Drama Club, Yearbook, CRTC – Education and Behavior Science, Prom Committee **Next Year's Plan:** I plan to be majoring in Child and Family Studies, attending New Hampshire Technical Institute while serving in the Air Force National Guard. In my future I plan to be a child life specialist, when my Air Force enlistment of 6 years is up.



Faith Griffin

Alexis Hodgdon

Activities: Soccer, Softball, CRTC – Cosmetology **Next Year's Plan:** To attend Empire Beauty School, then own my own salon and build a barndominium.



Juliana Morse

Abraham Marcotte

Activities: Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Ski and Snowboard, Student Council, Yearbook, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** To attend flight school in Boston. Then become a commercial pilot for a major airline.



Alexis Hodgdon

Trevor Mills

Activities: Ski and Snowboard, National Honor Society, Yearbook. **Next Year's Plan:** I will continue to work in HVAC. I plan on continuing my schooling to become the most ultimate HVAC tech to ever exist.



Garrett Mullen

Nicholas Mistler

Activities: Yearbook **Next Year's Plan:** I'm going to look for a full-time job at a highway department or something and do some more art and music and game development shenanigans on the side. I want to get myself into a stable financial situation so I can pursue a career in my aforementioned interests and perhaps buy some land of my own.

Juliana Morse

Activities: Yearbook, Prom Committee **Next Year's Plan:** I am planning on attending NHTI for my Associate Degree in Nursing. I am planning on transferring afterwards to receive my Bachelor's in Nursing, but I am not sure which school yet. My plans for the future are to graduate college and become a Registered Nurse.



Abraham Marcotte

Garrett Mullen

Next Year's Plan: Next year I hope to have my Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license. In the future I plan on having my Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) license and then go get my paramedic.



Felix Munoz

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Activities: Yearbook, Future Business Leaders, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** Work as a freelance video editor, then have a career in the Audio/Video Technology Industry.



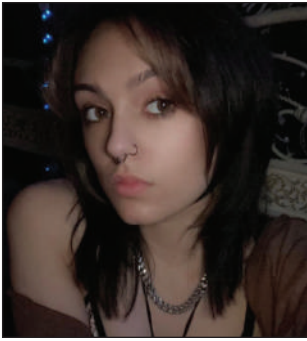
Trevor Mills

Chevelle Paquette

Next Year's Plan: I'm going to be taking a class at a time at a community college and continue to save up my money and I'll have my own place by then. I will continue to build up and excel at whatever I do. I am going to be in a good career being a professional hair dresser or go with my heart and be a voice for the people who are afraid to speak up. I would love to advocate for things such as women's rights, lgbtqia+ rights, as well as standing up against police brutality, to try to make a difference in the world.



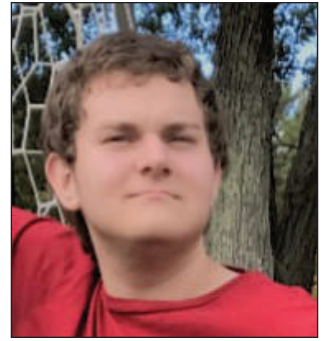
Chevelle Paquette



Amber Peterson

Amber Peterson

Activities: Future Business Leaders, Intersectional Feminism, Senior Class Secretary, Prom Committee, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** To explore classes that will train me for a career in graphic arts. Then, to use the training I received in graphic arts to create products to sell for my own business.



Aydin Thurston

Alexcia Rollins

Activities: Basketball Manager, Student Council, Future Business Leaders, Yearbook, Senior Class President, DARGood Citizen, Prom Committee, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** Attend Empire Beauty School for esthetics, then to own my own salon.



Alexcia Rollins

Keegan Ryan

Activities: Future Business Leaders, Prom Committee, Senior Class Sergeant at Arms, CRTC - Construction Trades, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** To go to Manchester Community College to study welding, then to have a good career in welding and make lots of money.



Olivia Tobin

Aydin Thurston

Activities: Gaming Club, Future Business Leaders, Yearbook, Prom Committee, Cocka Doodle Doom Learning Studio. **Next Year's Plan:** To attend Manchester Community College to study plumbing. Then to make a career in the plumbing industry.



Keegan Ryan

Olivia Tobin

Activities: National Honor Society, Yearbook, Prom Committee, CRTC. **Next Year's Plan:** Attend NHTI for an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, then either work in a daycare or help start a new childcare program.



Marissa Ware

Marissa Ware

Activities: Soccer, National Honor Society, Yearbook, Prom Committee, Dover CTE. **Next Year's Plan:** York County Community College for a degree in Animal Care and Management, with a certification in dog training. Then, to have a career working with dogs.



*Congratulations To The
Graduating Class of 2023*

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St. Stephen's Ordains Stephen Ekerberg



St. Stephen's, "the little church with the big heart," was packed on Tuesday (May 30th) for the Ordination of Stephen M. Ekerberg as a priest in the Episcopal Church. The ordination was performed by the Bishop of New Hampshire, The Right Reverend Robert Hirschfeld. The ordination service is based on practices going back to the foundation of Christianity. It combined the colorful, formal ritual, with the Bishop in his robes and wearing his mitre, with celebration and rejoicing. The singing of beloved hymns alternated with the prayers, affirmations of faith, and promises that constitute the ordination service. The atmosphere in the church was reminiscent of a wedding as solemn commitments combined with expressions of joy and gratitude for Steve's ordination.

The training to be a priest in the Episcopal Church is thorough and demanding. Steve first experienced the calling to be a priest over ten years ago, and it required the loving support of his family as well as the St. Stephen's congregation. Steve's son, James, was the cross bearer leading the processions in and out of the church; other members of his family read the appointed passages from the Bible.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 9:30 am every Sunday (except on June 11), and all are welcome. *Vestry of St. Stephens*

PMHS Learning Studios

We met with Rick Anthony and Jennifer Massey from Pittsfield Middle School High School (PMHS) to hear about the great progress and success they are having with the Learning Studio program. The Learning Studio curriculum started at PMHS about 10 years ago and has been growing and gaining steam ever since. Students who participate in the Learning Studio program earn elective credit and the classes are graded on a pass/fail basis. These elective classes provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and develop a range of skills, outside of a traditional classroom setting; they are both practical and creative. And the results have been outstanding.

Learning Studio classes are offered throughout the school year. Sometimes the topic or focus of the studio is driven by teachers, other times the content is suggested by students. This coming year, PMHS expects to offer between 14 and 15 Learning Studio classes. Examples include one Mr. Anthony will lead, focused on "How to Become a Sports Referee;" at the end of the program, students who participate and pass the class will become youth certified to referee lower-grade level basketball, baseball and soccer games. Next year Ms. Massey will lead a studio class focused on Social Media Marketing, with a goal to promote stories online about various activities within the school. **See *Learning Studios* page Four**

The **POST** Volunteers are savoring summer. The next **PITTSFIELD POST** will be published on June 21.

Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, call or email Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

The Senior Center Hours have been temporarily revised again. The current hours are Monday & Thursday from 8am - 1pm. Sweatin to the Oldies at 8:15am (all ages and abilities are welcome), 9am- Coffee & Chit Chat, 9:30am- Bingo and at 11:15am - Lunch. On Thurs, June 15, 11:30am the Senior Center will hold a Father's Day Celebration - Come in, play some bingo, and stay for the Father's Day meal. The meal is beef tips with onions and mushrooms, plus mashed potatoes, vegetable, and a dessert.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) will be participating in NH Gives, a 24-hour online giving event, on **June 6 (5pm – 7pm)** and has an amazing opportunity to raise a substantial portion of our annual budget in just one day, but we need your help to make this happen. The Foss Family Foundation, a private foundation formed by Richard and Lois Foss, has agreed to match all donations up to \$17,500. That means EVERY dollar donated online to PYW will be DOUBLED during NH Gives. Please follow the link to donate to PYW during NH Gives:

nhgives.org/organizations/the-pittsfield-youth-workshop.

"The Magical Land of Oz - A Musical" The Pittsfield Players' brand new Children's Summer Theatre Camp will hold sign-ups for 35 magical spots on **Wed, June 7**, at 7pm at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot Street. There are 25 spots for Children grades 3 and up, and 10 spots for high school aged kids grades 9-12! The Children's Summer Theatre Camp will be held on **July 17- July 29**, Monday through Friday 8am to 2pm with performances, which are 1 hour in length held Friday and Saturday night, July 28 & 29 at 7pm. ** The \$100 Cost of the camp has been waived by The Pittsfield Players through a generous grant from The Foss Family Foundation. For our kick-off year, the camp is FREE to all who participate ** Participants will learn the art of theatre, from set building, acting & singing, to costumes and more. Please follow our social media pages and website www.pittsfieldplayers.org for current information.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is hiring! After-school teen center is looking for an energetic and creative individual to help enrich the lives of young people by providing high quality and fun activities during out-of-

school time. Both Full-Time and Part-Time positions available. For more information please visit our website at www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on **Wed, June 7** at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society building on Oak St.

The Josiah Carpenter Library will sponsor "Music in my Pockets: Folk Music" on **Fri, June 9** at 6:30pm . A glimpse into how America amused itself before electricity...singing games "pocket instruments" like spoons and dancing puppets, tall tales and funny songs that have been passed down. A fun program for the whole family.

The Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd., is holding a Free Community Breakfast on **Sat, June 10** from 8:30-9:30am. Everyone is welcome – please join us.

The Pittsfield Beautification Committee is in need of additional volunteer help. We are looking for two to three individuals, with a pickup truck, who can help with watering. We have large water barrels, fit with hoses, that need to be driven by truck to the 4 locations around town where we have plants. The commitment is about one hour per day (or every other day) for one or possibly two weeks from June to the end of August. It's a great group of friendly volunteers. If you're interested and feel you can help, please contact MaryPat Christakos at mpc7717@gmail.com

The Dowboro Farm Farmstand is OPEN! The kids from the Victory Workers 4-H club and others have had a couple of months off and are ready to get back at it! They'll be bringing back some of your favorite items and have been working on some new surprises, too! Stop in at 615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield, NH. Hours are **Thurs-Sat- 9:30-6pm & Sun – 10:30-4pm**.

Old Home Day will be **Sat, July 22**, and the theme is "Red, White & Blue- It's All Up to You!" This is a nod to a Patriotic theme or in honor of the ALL CLASS Reunion – the colors of Pittsfield Middle High School. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com New members and volunteers for that day are always needed.

Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee is looking for vendors for their Community Craft Fair on **Sat, July 22** at Dustin Park from 9-1pm. 10x10 spaces in outdoor venue. If you would like to be a vendor, send an email to ohdvendorfair@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Community Organizations: Join the Old Home Fun. If you are a non-profit group from Pittsfield, would you be interested in participating in the craft fair on Old Home Day, **July 22 from 9am-noon** at Dustin Park? The Old Home Day Committee would love to hear from you. There is no charge for non-profits. Contact Minni at minnibump@gmail.com to register..

The Pittsfield High School ALL CLASS REUNION is planned for **Sat, July 22**, (Old Home Day!). Calling all graduates or attendees (and families) of Pittsfield Academy or Pittsfield High School – join us at the High School, Oneida Street, from 2-5pm for visiting and catching up with schoolmates, light refreshments and a self guided tour of the school. Please help us by spreading the word to any of your classmates, friends and family. For more information and Invitation & RSVP form, please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com You can visit the school website at <https://sau51.org/pmhs> and click on the ALUMNI tab to view the Invitation and RSVP form. If you would like to join the committee planning the Reunion, or if you would like to volunteer to help that day – please contact Andi Riel. The next meeting is on **Mon, June 19 at 6:30pm** at the PMHS Media Center (library), or there is a Zoom Meeting option.

It's time to nominate a person for Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year! Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town. However, only one can be selected for 2023. Please submit your nomination with a short note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2023. Nominations may be sent to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations should be received by **Fri, June 16, 2023**.

Pittsfield Historical Society will be open on **Sun, June 11 from 1-4pm**. Please stop in and view all the wonderful artifacts on display.

The South Pittsfield Community Club will hold a Ham & Bean Supper on **Sat, June 10 from 5-6:30pm** at the Club House at 444 Dowboro Rd, Pittsfield. Cost for Adults is \$10, Children ages 6-12- \$5 and under age 6 is Free. Eat in or take out! The menu is ham, baked beans, brown bread, potato salad, drinks and pies.

Congratulations to the 2023 Pittsfield Middle High School graduating class! The PHS Alumni Association sponsors a graduate breakfast on **Fri, June 9**. The Awards night will be held on **Fri, June 9 at 7pm** at the PMHS Gym. Graduation will be held on **Sat, June 10 at 10am** at the PMHS Gym. Best wishes to each of you as you move on to whatever the next steps in your path of life are. Remember, you have lots of people cheering for you!

The Drake Field Summer Rec Program will be open from **June 27 – Aug. 4**. The program is FREE for grades 1-8. Participants are offered free breakfast and lunch. There are lots of great things happening this year. On Mondays & Wednesdays (8am -12)– games, sports, arts and crafts, activities, guest speakers, as well as the library coming to Drake Field. On Tuesdays & Thursdays – lots of field trips are planned. To name a few....Chuck E. Cheese, The Flume, Mini Golf, Clark's Trading Post & Bears, horseback riding, "Boston Tea Party," and Coast Guard Station in New Castle & Albacore Park, and many more! Some of the field trips are free and some will have a small fee. On Fridays – will be spent at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool/Beach). Information and registration forms will be sent home with students. If you or would like more information, please contact Louise Sawyer at 267-6733.

The Josiah Carpenter Library's new Storywalk is ready...."A Small Thing....But Big." For those of you new to the Storywalk, let us explain... We have partnered with local businesses to post pages of a children's storybook in their downtown business windows. Starting on Main St., grab a map in the mailbox at Dustin Park, and follow the story around town. When you've finished the walk/story, stop by the library (when we're open) for your free gift!

Happy Birthday wishes to Dana Bishop on Wed, 6/7. I hope you enjoy your BIG day! **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Cathy & Joe McHugh on Fri, 6/9.

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Learning Studios This past year Ms. Massey and Mr. Anthony co-led a Learning Studio focused on film-making. The original idea was to develop short 'infomercials' about "How To In Pittsfield," such as how to register to vote, how to register your car, etc. But the students unanimously decided they wanted to produce a feature length entertainment film. The result was **Cocka Doodle Doom!** During the year, the students worked on every aspect of the film, including film concept and story line, character development, writing the script, and scoping out each scene. Each student directed at least 1 scene; everyone was

involved in film editing – ensuring consistency and continuity as they strung the scenes together. Students were also heavily engaged in marketing the film, including marketing and poster designs, as Ms. Massey said, "It was guerrilla marketing," hence all the posters, chickens painted on the roads, and hijacking the Chamber of Commerce billboard on Rte 28 (among other things). They were also involved in all of the videography for the film as well, and they shot the entire film using the school's yearbook camera.

In addition to all the learning the students experienced through the mechanics of mounting and producing a film on this scale, as Mr. Anthony said, "They also developed important 21st century skills," including learning how to work as a diverse team, recognizing and respecting each others' strengths, flexibility, collaboration and 'give & take,' the importance of being present, on time, and following through on assigned tasks that allowed the rest of the team to move forward; and, of course, accountability.

The studio culminated in the first ever PMHS Film Festival. Schools from across the State, from Nashua to Portsmouth, contributed films which were showcased on May 25 at PMHS, along with Cocka Doodle Doom. Our Pittsfield students worked to convert the gym into a "movie theater" complete with a Concession Stand, Ticket Booth and seating.

Bravo to our Pittsfield students! Great job creating your first feature film and hosting the first ever film festival in our town. We are all immensely proud of you and we hope your experience with the Learning Studio program will be something you carry forward as you step forward. All of Pittsfield sends you our very best wishes for your continued success and happiness in the future. *MP Christakos for the Pittsfield Post*

You can view Cocka Doodle Doom on YouTube.

Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

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Hey Pittsfield High School Seniors

The world is yours, keep it clean.

Don't be afraid to pick up another man's trash.

"Always take on more than you think you can handle." (C. E. Wilson)

Fail often, succeed sooner.

Don't be afraid to pick up another man.

Dan the Stoneman



History of Graylag Nature Preserve

Wednesday, June 14, 6pm



Please join the Pittsfield Historical Society at the Graylag Nature Preserve, 320 Clough Rd., Pittsfield, to hear some interesting facts and stories. The Nature Preserve was originally founded and developed by Jacob Geib and his sons, Fred and Robert, as Graylag Camp for boys. Graylag was later transformed into a renowned basketball camp associated with Boston Celtics legend

Bob Cousy. Many townspeople have fond and funny stories about their experiences at the camp.

In 1995, Carl Wallman bought and restored these woodlands by adding gardens, marking trails, and protecting plants native to New Hampshire. His vision guided the development of this land to become the tranquil beauty of Graylag Nature Preserve.

Please wear comfortable shoes if you choose to explore sections of the preserve post presentation. This program is free and open to the public. *Pittsfield Historical Society*

PLEASE SUPPORT
The Pittsfield Youth Workshop!
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Support PYW during NH Gives

Don't Forget! Please support PYW during NH Gives, starting Tuesday at 5pm.

Donations will be accepted through the end of the week if you miss the main event. We have a match from the Foss Family Foundation (\$17,500) and Keeley Painting (\$500), along with a challenge from the PYW Board of Directors (after 35 donations are made), and a few more bonuses TBA. Thanks for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

Zach Powers for the Pittsfield Youth Workshop



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We want YOU to Sign up for the Old Home Day Parade

One constant of Pittsfield's Old Home Day celebrations is a parade, and the tradition will continue July 22 at 11 am. This year the Old Home Day committee has decided to try out a new parade route. Entrants will gather on Broadway just past Pittsfield Garage, then up past the corner to the Community Center. From there the parade will progress along Main Street, turn on Elm, then turn onto Depot at the Post Office.

The parade is a great way to have fun, drive a cool car, show off your business/organization, and create a float with friends and family that shows the theme *Red, White and Blue, It's All Up to You*. You may even win a trophy! So, go for it. Sign up to enter the parade! Registration forms are posted on the Town of Pittsfield website. (click on Old Home Day Committee/Documents) If you have questions, you can call Mark Riel at 491-2524.

And remember: "Parades are man's attempt to make traffic exciting." Demetri Martin. So, channel your inner New Orleans: "We don't hide the crazy, we parade it down the street!" Unknown. *The Old Home Day Committee*

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



We are proud to add your educational success to the history of our great town.

Pittsfield Historical Society
Board of Directors

Cooks Corner

Cheeseburger Pizza + Bonus Idea



Here's a fun homemade pizza recipe that is sure to please your special Grad, special Dad and frankly, the whole family. These are easy to pull together and a fun dinner for the kiddos to help with. I like using the naan flatbreads (Stonefire brand), either the large rectangular shaped ones, or these recipes also work well with the small, individual sized naan. My husband loves the Swiss Mushroom Onion version. Just throw a salad alongside and you're good to go! Bon appetit, *MP Christakos*

Cheeseburger Pizza

1 tsp vegetable oil

1 lb ground beef

1 prebaked pizza crust (or naan flatbreads, such as Stonefire brand)

1/3 cup Thousand Island dressing

1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

2 plum (roma) tomatoes, thinly sliced

1/2 red onion, finely chopped or finely sliced (optional)

1/2 cup shredded Iceberg lettuce

Dill pickles or bread & butter pickles

Heat oven to 450. Heat the oil in a large skillet and brown the ground beef until no longer pink. Drain off the fat.

Meanwhile, spread the Thousand Island dressing on the pizza crust, leaving a 1/2-inch border all the way around. Now top with the Mozzarella cheese. Bake in the oven for 5 minutes, until the cheese melts.

Top the pizza with the cooked ground beef and Cheddar cheese. Return to the oven for another 5 minutes. Garnish with the sliced tomatoes, shredded lettuce, chopped onion (if using) and pickles (if using).

Swiss Mushroom Onion Burger Pizza

Follow the same process as above. Saute onions and mushrooms in a little oil until tender, set aside. Spread the pizza crust or flatbread with a mix of mayonnaise and Dijon mustard, then top with the shredded Mozzarella. Bake in the oven for 5 minutes. Top the pizza with the ground beef and shredded Swiss cheese, then back in the oven for 5 more minutes. Top with the mushroom & onions before serving.

Select Board Review May 23, 2023

Minnie Plante came in to introduce most of her 2023 swimming pool crew, many of whom are veterans at this popular summer attraction for Pittsfield youth. They still only have one official 'lifeguard who is assisted by helpers watching the beach, but swimming is 'at your own risk.' The pool will be open Mon-Fri, weather permitting. Weekend half-day rental of the entire facility is available for \$25. Contact the Town office for a rental application.

We are entertaining an offer to purchase the Town owned lot at 36 Main St. We bought it with the idea that the town needed to take the opportunity to do what we could to protect this high exposure location. That said, we are not of the opinion the Town should generally be in the real estate business and if we can sell it at a profit, while making a sale conditional on several important protective covenants, we will consider it. Before any sale, the public would have two opportunities to be heard.

At the request of 911, we renamed one end of Range Rd to Harmony Lane. Something none of us have considered is that emergency response to calls (especially by mutual aid from other towns) can be confusing and time consuming if GPS sends a vehicle down a non-maintained road. We have several roads that are broken into Class 5 and Class 6 (non-maintained) sections and actually have had responders stuck on impassable roads. Renaming the Class 5 sections would alleviate that potential for disaster. As with everything we consider however, there is a downside- namely the time consuming annoyance such renaming would force on the residents of the renamed road, in the form of notifying all address-dependent affected parties. That annoyance could be substantial, as could a failed emergency response. We tabled the idea of renaming other roads until we arrive at a consensus as to which is more pressing.

The first-half tax warrant was approved so property owners will receive their bills very soon. New hires and a volunteer were approved for the Fire Dept. The Clothes Closet made a donation to Old Home Day, and the fireworks contract was signed. Timber tax and land-use change assessments were approved. *Carl Anderson*

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F B Argue Recreation Area 2023 Opening

On Monday, June 19, the FB Argue Recreation Area will open for the 2023 summer season at 1:00. We have one lifeguard and two beach attendants, so we will be running a **swim at your own risk** area. We will again be asking parents to give us contact information, if their child will be coming to the pool without an adult, and to sign a paper stating that they have reviewed the rules with their child. We are raising the age that children can come to the area alone to 10. We will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00- 5:00pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00- 7:00pm. Children under the age of 10 must always be accompanied by an adult. We will be offering non-Red Cross swimming lessons again this summer. Swim lesson sign-up sheet will follow this information or may be obtained at the beach area. Registration will be held at the recreation area. We will run two- week sessions and each lesson will run for about ½ hour. The dates for the sessions will be as follows:



Session 1 Daytime: Monday, June 26- Friday, July 7

Session 2 Nighttime: Monday, July 31- August 11

The daily admission for residents is \$1.00 per person. A family season pass may be bought for \$50.00. Daily admission for non-residents will be \$1.50 per person. All persons entering the area will be expected to pay. Children under 5 will be admitted free with a paid adult. Said paid adult will be responsible for supervision of said child/children. We will allow use of the beach toys, but if you feel more comfortable, you might want to bring your own. The concession stand will be open.

The cost for swimming lessons for Pittsfield residents will be \$15 per child per session. The cost for non-residents will be \$30 per child per session.

Questions can be answered by calling 603 290-4068 or 435-7457(during hours of operation)

Families or groups will be able to use the area on weekends by filing a request form with the town. The area will be open on Saturday, July 22 for Old Home Day.

There will be a charge of \$25 for using the area on weekends this summer.. An extra \$5.00 will be charged if you want to use the grill. This extra swim time will be **swim at your own risk** time. We will have 2 blocks of time each day. The first daily block will be 9am-1pm and the second block of time will be 1pm – 5pm. *Pittsfield Parks and Recreation*

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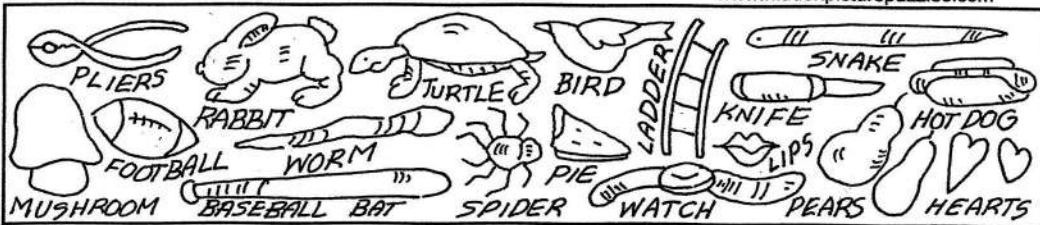
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