

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter." *Samuel Johnson*

April 2, 2025

Goodwell Foods, LLC Opens in Pittsfield

It's been less than a year since Rustic Crust closed their doors, and Pittsfield is already back in the business of making private label frozen pizza. Vikram Mansharamani, founder, owner and CEO of Goodwell Foods, LLC purchased key assets from the former Rustic Crust facilities and began manufacturing operations in December 2024.

The company states their signature product is a premium deep-dish, single-serve frozen pizza. They also make shelf-stable crusts and indicate they plan to offer gluten-free options in the future. Their manufacturing, packaging and shipping operations are centered at the Joy Street location.

Mr. Mansharamani has extensive experience in business, academia and politics. He is a graduate of Yale University and holds a PhD and two Master's Degrees from MIT. In addition to lecturing at Harvard and Yale on business and economics, Mr. Mansharamani also founded and led an asset management firm, a strategy consulting organization, and has authored three books. In 2024, he ran for the US 2nd Congressional seat in New Hampshire, as a Republican. After the election cycle, he was inspired to return to the business world and as he said, "I wanted to do 'good' and do 'well', so I started Goodwell Foods."



One of his first hires was Zach Snyder, plant manager, who has worked tirelessly to get the sophisticated, state-of-the-art manufacturing process up and running. Mr. Snyder also successfully recruited several other former Rustic Crust employees on a full-time basis. The company relies on temporary agencies for the balance of their resource needs as their staffing requirements fluctuate based on production schedules.

Mr. Mansharamani indicates they have achieved record productivity in a short period of time and are filling orders for two large, national retailers, with several others expected to come on line soon. They anticipate they will make "millions" of pizzas and crusts this year. As he shared, "We are very excited to be here in Pittsfield, and most proud of the team we've assembled and our great products."

Our community is excited to have Goodwell Foods here in town and we wish the team much success.

Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346

Mon, April 7, 6:30pm - The Victory Workers 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting at the PES Gym.

Mon, April 7, 6:30pm - The American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

Tues, April 8, 6pm - Parks & Recreation Commission will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level.

Sat, April 12, 10:30am-1pm - Join us at the Josiah Carpenter Library for Easter cookie decorating. Drop in after the Parks & Rec's Easter Egg Hunt. The rain date for this event is Sat, April 19.

Sat, April 12, PES PTO is sponsoring the Easter Bunny Hop at the Pittsfield Middle High School. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is from 8-10 am. From 9am-2pm in the GYM, a Craft Fair will be held. There will be various crafts, baked goods, pet products, jewelry, handmade products, home decor, candies, jam and jellies. For more information, contact pto@sau51.org

Sat, April 12, 8:30-9:30am- FREE Community Breakfast at Joy Church, [55 Barnstead Rd.](#) All are welcome.

Mon, April 14, 6:30pm - The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book Club will meet at Over the Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** is sponsoring the "**Mom Prom,**" a Rotary fundraiser benefitting Catamount Womenaid. Tickets are \$80. Get ready for a night of fun, food, dancing, raffles and more with your favorite ladies. Join us at the Dell Lea in Chichester on Friday, May 2, starting at 6:30pm. Put on your favorite outfit, grab your dancing shoes, and get ready to party the night away. This event is a great opportunity to let loose, have a good time, and make new friends. You don't have to be a Mom and you don't have to dress up - but you can if you'd like. Grab your girlfriends and enjoy a night out. Tickets: <https://form.jotform.com/250535427501147> (or visit the Rotary Club Facebook page)

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)

(Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm, Wednesday 1-6pm. The food pantry at PYW continues to be stocked for PYW youth - open during Drop In hours. For more

information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at [\(603\) 435-8272](tel:6034358272) or Text at [603-234-9788](tel:6032349788).

The Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation was established by Gabe's family after his death to provide roadside safety equipment to all High School aged drivers. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful Foundation or more importantly to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, [98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263](#); [603-470-6927](tel:6034706927) or email gda21foundation@gmail.com

Senior Center Schedule - Monday & Thursdays – 8am-2pm and Wednesdays 8am-1pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 12pm. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at [603-435-8482](tel:6034358482).

Join us every Saturday for BINGO hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo. They have a great food menu and games. It all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6 pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

PES and End 68 Hours of Hunger are joining forces to create positive change. Are you eager to help our community bag and deliver groceries for families in need? This impactful program ensures groceries are available over the weekend. To sign your family up, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/> We're seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. To learn more, contact Mike Curtin or Kate Price at mcurtin@sau51.org or kprice@sau51.org

The **Dorcus Guild** of the First Congregational Church has adopted this community project that helps children with food to get them through the weekend. Pittsfield and Barnstead schools have come together to provide weekend meals for over 100 children. Donations are greatly needed to help us feed the children. Amazon deliveries and monetary donations (check payable to: End 68 Hours of Hunger-Pittsfield/Barnstead) can be sent to: Anthony Palmieri, End 68 Hours of Hunger, 204 Brindle Pond Rd., Center Barnstead, NH 03225. Typical food items needed are non-perishable canned and packaged items.

The Josiah Carpenter Library is seeking donations of the following items: Glue sticks, Card stock, Pretzels, Letter envelopes, Cotton balls, Small 1/4" stickers, White copy paper, Apple juice, Gallon Ziploc bags, Clementines, Goldfish crackers, Microwave popcorn, Grapes, Postage stamps, Fruit snacks. All donations will benefit the staff and visitors who participate in the various children's and adults' programs offered by the library. These items will help stretch the annual budget to provide additional opportunities for our patrons throughout the year. Thank you for supporting your local library.

The **PES PTO** is excited to formally announce their NexTrex Recycling Challenge. If we can complete this challenge, we will receive for the school, a Trex composite built bench. This is a year-long challenge, Feb. 1, 2025-Jan. 31, 2026. During this timeframe, the challenge is to collect 1000 pounds of certain #2 and #4 plastics.

****Acceptable items**** Acceptable plastics for this challenge include plastic grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overlap (such as case of bottled water), rock salt bags, pallet wrap, wood pellet bags and produce bags. Please make sure that these bags are empty.

****Drop-off locations**** We have two locations, outside the entrance of the middle high school on Oneida St. The second location is in front of Bell Brothers between the ice chest and the firewood.

****Unacceptable items**** Unacceptable items for this challenge include: frozen food bags, chips bags, candy bar wrappers, net or mesh produce bags, pet food bags, pre-washed salad bags, hot dog or meat wrapping, six pack rings, PPE (gloves, masks).

If you have any questions, please email at pto@sau51.org

Spring 2025 road posting - for maximum weight limits. Effective NOW - there will be a 6 ton weight limit on the following roads: Dowboro Road - at Tan Rd / Epsom town line, Concord Hill Road - at Rt 28, Main Street - at Commons, Webster Mills Road - at bridge / Chichester town line, Tilton Hill Road - at Catamount Rd, Jenness Pond Road - at Catamount

Rd / Northwood town line, Upper City Road - at Rt 28 and Loudon town line. There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Please call the DPW at 603-435-6151 for updated info or to arrange for deliveries.

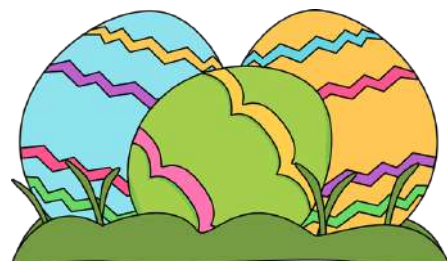
Summer Positions Available at the FB Argue Recreation Area (AKA Town Pool) *Director Position *Lifeguards - certification required. Ask about certification reimbursement. *Beach Attendants *Gate Keepers. Great hours, fun atmosphere, pay TBD. For questions call 603-545-2402 or email parks@pittsfieldnh.gov application available at pittsfieldnh.gov

The **Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Department** is actively recruiting for the following coaching position: Varsity Boys Baseball Head Coach. Previous experience playing and/or coaching is preferred but not required. All interested applicants should contact Jay Darrah, Director of Athletics at jaydarrah@sau51.org

The **Town of Pittsfield Planning and Zoning Boards** are looking for volunteers to fill the following vacancies immediately: Planning Board - 1 one-year term Planning Board full member. The Planning Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Town Hall and holds a minimum of 12 meetings per year. Zoning Board of Adjustment - 1 one-year term ZBA full member. The ZBA meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6pm at Town Hall. The number of monthly meetings held by the ZBA varies from year to year. Twelve meetings are scheduled for the year; however, if no applications are received for a particular month, the meeting is typically cancelled. For more information, please visit our town website <https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov>

Happy Birthday wishes to Judy Webber and Kip Riel on Sun, April 6. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

Andrea Riel 603.435.6346



Upcoming Lenten and Easter Services



First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will hold its Palm Sunday Service on April 13 at 10am. Palms will be distributed.

A special Maundy Thursday worship service including Holy Communion, commemorating the “Last Supper” of Jesus, will be held Thursday, April 17, at 7pm. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, at 7:30am the customary Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary with breakfast immediately following (about 8:30am) in the vestry. The traditional Easter worship service will commence at 10am with special music by the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Handbell Choir. Come and worship at either service and join us for breakfast.

There is parking as well as a wheelchair accessible entrance at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. For more information about any of these services, call the church office at 603-435-7471 and speak with Rev. David Stasiak.

A Message to Pittsfield Post Advertisers

The *Pittsfield Post* will publish a special issue again this year to celebrate the Pittsfield Middle High School 2025 graduates. As in the past, part of this special edition will be in color and it has become an important tradition for our students and a treasured keepsake for their families.

If you are interested in running a special ad in honor of our graduates, please submit your ‘graduation issue’ ad to the *Pittsfield Post* by **12 noon, Friday, May 2**. The content of your message is up to you – words of encouragement, congratulations or just good wishes for the future.

Your ad copy can be sent to the Post at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org or mailed to the Pittsfield Post, P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Please include your contact information. Our advertising rates are: \$100 full page, \$50 half page, \$25 quarter page and \$15 business card size. All ads must be submitted in jpeg or png format, or in pdf format that is cropped to the edge of the ad copy. Color ads will be used in the digital edition, the hardcopy version is printed in black and white. The *Pittsfield Post* has a circulation of approximately 800 readers. Additional information can be found on our website at <https://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org>

Thank you very much for helping us celebrate the PMHS graduating class of 2025.

PITTSFIELD POST www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org

The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The newsletter publishes relevant and important news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and providing a forum for dialogue.

The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

Please support your community newsletter. Checks should be made out to the non-profit: Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Pittsfield Post. P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Donations may also be made on our website.

Send us your news! Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details about submissions are on our website. Deadline is 9am on Friday.

Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

**Pittsfield Post Volunteer Opportunity:
Biweekly Email Newsletter & Website
Coordinator**

Are you passionate about communications and looking to make a difference? The *Pittsfield Post* seeks a reliable, detail-oriented volunteer to manage and distribute our biweekly email newsletter, and update our website.

The prepared newspaper document will be sent to you (as part of the team) for conversion to email format. Basic knowledge of email marketing platforms, such as MailChimp or similar, and website content management, such as Wix or similar, would be helpful.

The work can be done at home and requires about two hours every other week. Training will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and contribute to the local news of the *Pittsfield Post*, which has been in operation for over 5 years! If interested, please contact us at pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org We look forward to hearing from you.

Elevator Fund Project

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Library table at the recent Pittsfield elections and donated to the Elevator Fund. The Fund has collected approximately \$11,000. However, we still need your help to reach our goal of \$45,000.

Your donation, small or large, is greatly appreciated. Please stop by the Library, or mail your donation to the Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main St., Pittsfield, NH, 03263. Make your check payable to "Josiah Carpenter Library" with Memo note – "For Elevator Fund."

Thank You!

The Elevator Fund Committee



PITTSFIELD PARKS & REC

**Easter
Egg-stravaganza**

Join us on
**April 12th
at 10am**

FOR SOME EGG-CITING FUN!

Egg Hunt with Three Age Groups, Golden Egg Drawing, Guess the Number of Jellybeans, & Special Visit from the Easter Bunny

Dustin Park, Pittsfield

Rain Date April 19th at 10am

**PITTSFIELD INSURANCE
AGENCY**

Home - Auto - Business

3 LEAVITT RD

PITTSFIELD NH 03263

603-435-7262

PITTSFIELDINSURANCE@GMAIL.COM

PITTSFIELDINSURANCEAGENCY.COM

**WE TREAT EVERY CUSTOMER
LIKE THEY ARE OUR ONLY
CUSTOMER**

**CALL FOR YOUR NO OBLIGATION
QUOTE**

Victory Workers 4-H Club Ice Fishing Day

The Club Ice Fishing Day was held on Feb.16 from 9am to 1pm on Jenness Pond in Northwood, where Victory Worker members set traps over holes in the ice. Seven members attended this event in addition to parents, siblings, and family. Hot dogs, french fries, and a variety of desserts were served to everyone there fishing with the club. It was a day full of harsh hail, snow, and wind, but everybody made it through with a bobhouse, a heated trailer, extra gloves, hats, along with a fire with S'mores to keep warm. A dozen, if not more fish, were caught out on the lake, the longest being 21 1/2 inches, hooked by Addison Babcock later in the day. Last but not least, fun prizes were given out to the participants and included fishing gear, winter supplies, among other great treasures .

Respectfully submitted by,

David St.George – Victory Workers 4-H Club Reporter



CIRCLE CHILD CARE

41 Goboro Rd

Hedy Graybill

Epsom NH

Marley Taylor

03234

603 736 3393



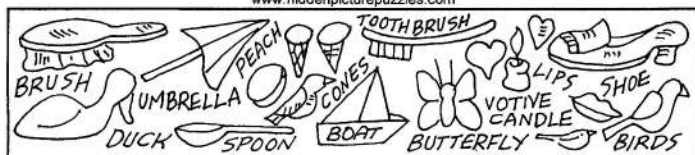
HOME AWAY FROM HOME

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Notice is hereby given that the Pittsfield School District will conduct a public hearing to discuss the release and expending monies from two of our reserve funds: Special Education Reserve Fund and our Reserve Fund Balance.

The public hearing will be held at 6pm on Thursday, April 3, at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center, 23 Oneida St.



Want to see the pictures in color?

Subscribe to receive the Post by Email by scanning the QR code. Or go to:



www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Thank You! Spaghetti Dinner Was a Big Success

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group thank all of you who came to the spaghetti dinner. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious, and it was a terrific fundraiser for our organization. Thank you very much for your donations. We hope to see you all again next year.

News from the Fire Department



You might notice a different truck sitting at the Fire Station. This quint style ladder truck was the property of the Federal Government (United States Navy) and made available to the Town of Pittsfield. After one year of safekeeping, Pittsfield will own the truck outright and without charge. This particular truck is a 2006 Pierce with a 75' ladder, a 1500 gallon-per-minute pump, and 500 gallon water tank.

What does this mean to the taxpayers of our Town? I'm glad you asked.

Pittsfield gets rated by the Insurance industry for its fire suppression capability and this enhancement will serve to lower insurance premiums for all insured structures in our community. This little known fact is a big deal if you carry insurance.

The Fire Chief and I work hard to only spend funds on resources pertaining to current and foreseeable operational needs. We readily discard the "because we have always done it that way" thinking. There are three areas where the capability of a Ladder Truck is key to operations. First, we have many structures in Pittsfield that extend beyond our current 24' ladders (roughly anything taller than two stories from the ground) for rescue and suppression. Second, as you drive around town, drive safely, but take a look at the chimneys which are taller than a human. It is unsafe for us to ladder a freestanding chimney, should there be a chimney fire or other issue with it. Third, many fire operations require roof access and the number of pitched metal roofs have become common in our community as also have roof-mounted solar panels. These surfaces are nearly impossible to stand on without sliding off.

We are hopeful you can appreciate the work to acquire this apparatus for our community without charge, and appreciate not only the future insurance savings it brings but also the safety in operations it presents to the volunteers, call personnel, and full-time staff who will use it. We will commence training and work to get it ready for service to our town. Nothing is ever a secret as we welcome you to come check it out and ask questions any time.

Thank you for your continued support to all of our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Rob Freese,



Business Cards • Forms • Business Checks • Brochures
Color Copies • Stationery • Graphic Design • Magnets
Programs • Raffle Tickets • Rubber Stamps
Wedding Invitations and Accessories • Bookmarks

Full Color: Cards • Brochures • Flyers • Labels • Postcards
Customized Promotional Items • Banners • Yard Signs

GRANITE IMAGE
940 Suncook Valley Hwy • PO Box 683
Epsom, NH 03234 • 603-736-6056
print@granite-image.com • www.granite-image.com

Opinion Letter

When I first met Dan Schroth, I was shocked. The man had an unspoken fortitude. In his free time he cares for homeless folks, and donates his blood. Before I could research the man running for town selectman, about a dozen locals drove past, honking and smiling at Dan. He's legitimate, and tough.

Dan has spent the last twenty years on the right side of history, learning when he's made mistakes, but most importantly, constantly fighting for issues regardless of the "crazy liberal"/"socialist" titles I'm sure he's heard. We know better now.

He's a little eccentric, and I would be lying if I didn't admit that I wished he had connected his underlying claims to a firmer pitch during the Meet the Candidates Night. But Dan showed me there's an appetite in town for change.

I grew up in a town like Pittsfield, and watched as twenty years of Bickfordian style austerity politics wore the town out from the inside. Doing anything bold will always be considered crazier than preserving the status quo, even if the status quo is destroying towns from the center out.

While I was disappointed that Dan lost, I was pleasantly surprised at just how strong the local Progressives did in town. If this was the floor performance, the future is bright.

Dan may not have won, but he's fighting for a cause that no bridgading of Facebook comments sections can defeat - justice. *Peter Kratovil*

Cooks Corner



These chicken thighs are delectable! I know you'll enjoy these as much as we do, here at our house. I typically roast them for 15 minutes, turn and reglaze, put them back in for 20 minutes, turn and reglaze, and put them back in for another 20 minutes. Great ideas for sides for these goodies are baked acorn squash, wild rice, steamed broccoli or green beans, and mashed potatoes. Bon appetit!

Chicken Thighs with Apricot Glaze

¼ cup apricot spreadable fruit or apricot jam	6 cloves garlic, minced
¼ cup honey	½ tsp cayenne pepper
2 TBSP soy sauce	¼ cup cider vinegar
2 TBSP pureed ginger (from a tube, produce section of the store)	8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil and place a rack on the baking sheet. Lightly spray the rack with cooking spray.

For the glaze: In a small saucepan, combine the apricot jam, honey, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and cayenne. Heat over medium heat until the jam is melted. Remove from heat and stir in vinegar.

Transfer the sauce to a large, shallow bowl. Place the chicken thighs in the bowl and turn the chicken in the glaze until well covered. Keep remaining glaze. Place the chicken on the prepared rack, in the prepared baking sheet.

Roast uncovered for 40 to 45 minutes, reglazing the chicken on both sides and turning the thighs, twice during the cooking time.

Panther Updates: Pittsfield Middle High School

On March 29, PMHS Drama Club participated in the NH Educational Theatre Guild's One-Act Festival at Coe-Brown Academy. The club performed Lee Cataluna's *Home of the Brave*. Performances were also held at PMHS for both the public and students.

During March we sent several letters to families about a variety of topics including: the voluntary *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* - the national YRBS was administered to high school students on March 11; New Hampshire State Assessments - the NHSAS and SAT assessments will be administered to students in grades 6-8 and eleventh grade standing during the months of April and May; and Caried Away Dental Clinic - this unique opportunity (we are one of three middle schools in the state participating in this program) is available to students in grades 6-8; the clinic was held at PMHS on April 1.

One of the changes that has been implemented this year is to recognize Honor Roll students at the end of the first and second semester (rather than at the end of year only). At the opening of our Winter Carnival activities on February 21, we recognized middle and high school students for making the Honor Roll. We also gave each Honor Roll student a voucher to Ben's Beans, our school store. We are very proud of our Honor Roll students for their hard work and achievements!

We celebrated the accomplishments of our girls' and boys' basketball teams and student-athletes on March 5. Among other awards and recognitions, student-athletes were recognized for making the All-Academic Team and Gabe Anthony All Hustle Team. Special thanks to our coaches Darien Stratton, Dan Chagnon, Logan LaRoche, and Jason Darrah for their commitment to our athletic program. *Derek Hamilton, PMHS Principal*

Panthers Update: Projected Graduation Status for the Class of 2025

There are 39 students in the class of 2025. One student graduated early at the end of the first semester. Three students need additional time beyond June to meet graduation requirements. Presently, two students are of concern for possibly not graduating, with an additional five students who are closely being monitored. Meetings with students and families are ongoing. One student completed their HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) program in the fall and another is currently pursuing earning their HiSET certificate. Additionally, three students attempted the HiSET, but were unsuccessful.

On April 3, Granite Edvance will host an on-site *Filing the FAFSA Day* (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for seniors and their families. This will provide direct assistance for families on an individual basis to file the FAFSA that day. On April 24, Granite Edvance will hold a presentation for seniors and their families, *Paying for College 101*, including how to compare financial aid offers. On May 8, Granite Edvance will provide a presentation for juniors and their families, *Applying to College 101*. They will learn about the college admission process. *Melissa Brown, PMHS Assistant Principal*

Panthers Update Introduction to GEAR UP

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federally funded program designed to increase students' college and career readiness. Our school is currently benefiting from a seven-year GEAR UP grant, to provide resources and opportunities for 7th and 8th-grade students. PMHS is one of 14 NH schools being served through this grant.

My name is Alex DesRuisseaux, and I serve as the College and Career Navigator for GEAR UP. My background is in nonprofit work and education, with experience in international program coordination, community engagement, and student development. I am a certified Educator in Social Studies and taught for 3 years in an alternative program. I am passionate about creating meaningful opportunities for students to explore their futures and develop skills that will support their long-term success. (see **Middle High School**, page 10)

Middle High School

We have hosted a variety of GEAR UP events and opportunities including the following:

- Lunch Time Trivia Activities: Engaging students in college and career-related trivia games during lunch periods to promote awareness and knowledge in a fun, interactive way.
- Xello - College and Career Platform: Implementing Xello as a tool for students to explore career interests, develop academic plans, and set future goals. This has been implemented both through class meeting times and through the 8th grade careers course. This student data will help inform their future advisors at the high school of areas of interest.
- Guest Speakers: Hosting six different guest speakers to provide real-world insight into various careers, including law enforcement, military service, healthcare (EMT/Nurse), STEM fields (engineering/research), cosmetology, and pet training. We plan on hosting even more this spring, based on the requests of students!
- University of New Hampshire Trip (February Break): Providing students with a firsthand experience of a college campus, including tours and informational sessions. They also had the opportunity to volunteer with Gather Kitchen packaging meals for community members in need. This was a first-time volunteer activity for numerous students.
- Babysitter's Course (February Break): Offering students an opportunity to gain valuable childcare skills and certification, enhancing their employability and responsibility.
- Monthly GEAR UP Newsletter: Keeping students, families, and staff informed about upcoming events, opportunities, and resources available through the GEAR UP program.
- Environmental Engineering Course Support: The Environmental Engineering course meets daily for 6th-8th graders, engaging students in hands-on learning, career exploration, and problem-solving from an engineer's perspective. Students work on real-world challenges and apply engineering concepts in innovative ways to develop critical thinking and teamwork skills.
- Environmental Engineering Class Trip to Nashua Community College: Coordinated a visit to Nashua Community College for Manufacturing Careers Day, where students explored technical career pathways.
- Weekly Learning Studio - Future Pathways and Leadership: Established a dedicated weekly learning studio focused on future career pathways and leadership development. Students explore more about themselves as it relates to their future path in this community oriented space.
- Bring Back the Trades Event: Organized a student group to attend the Bring Back the Trades event at NHTI, emphasizing opportunities in skilled trades and vocational careers.
- GEAR UP Community Engagement: Hosted an informational table at a basketball game to engage caregivers and students, providing resources and answering questions about college and career readiness opportunities through GEAR UP.

Upcoming Events:

- College and University Visits: Six different colleges and universities are scheduled to visit our school within the next month, providing students with exposure to various post-secondary options.
- Plymouth State University Tour: Planning a trip for all 7th and 8th-grade students to visit Plymouth State University this spring, allowing them to experience a college campus environment firsthand.

Through these initiatives, we are actively engaging students in meaningful college and career exploration while fostering their long-term academic and professional success.

Alex DesRuisseaux, GEAR UP

Panther Updates: Pittsfield Elementary School

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support MTSS- B Members of the MTSS-B team recently attended a virtual orientation with the NH MTSS-B Technical Assistance Center, a key step in our full implementation of the framework.

Following our completion of the MTSS-B Fidelity Inventory, which confirmed 100% access to Tier 1 interventions, we identified areas for growth. We are focusing on: Strengthening the Tier 1 Team - Improving team structure, roles, and data-driven decision-making. Enhancing SEL & Behavioral Support Systems - Expanding SEL instruction, behavioral acknowledgment systems, and trauma-informed restorative practices.

This work is a significant step forward in building a comprehensive behavioral support system at PES. As we continue to refine implementation, we are confident it will enhance student well-being, strengthen family-school partnerships, and foster a positive, inclusive learning environment. We appreciate the school board and community support in advancing behavioral health and student success at PES.

NHSAS- All New Hampshire public and charter schools are required by state law and federal accountability laws to assess students using a standardized assessment each year. During the months of April and May, PES will be participating in the NH Statewide Assessment System (NHSAS) assessments. NHSAS measures student proficiency in core academic areas. Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 take assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, while 5th grade students also take the Science assessment.

Based on the 2024 federal accountability determination from the NH Department of Education, PES is officially in good standing for the first time since 2017! Our growth data shows that English Language Arts results placed us in the middle 50% for student growth across the state while math is in the top 25% for student growth! This is all possible due to the hard work of our incredibly dedicated staff, and effort demonstrated by our students and families. We are confident and excited for this year's assessments and look forward to seeing our results. *Kristen White, PES Principal*

Panther Update: PES Math Night

On Wednesday, March 12, PES hosted our first-ever Title I Family Math Night, and to say it was a success is an understatement! With over 250 students, families, and staff in attendance, our school community came together for an evening filled with learning, laughter, and engagement.

This wonderful event was led by our Math Interventionist, Leslie Schuster, who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was thoughtfully planned. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our dedicated PES staff who volunteered their time and talents to make this night a reality.

The evening began with a family dinner centered around a fraction theme, featuring pizza, Cuties, cookies, and water. Families then participated in a variety of interactive stations designed to build essential math skills through hands-on practice and problem-solving.

Activities included estimation challenges to help strengthen number sense, while activities like "What Do You Notice? What Do You Wonder?" promoted math discourse by encouraging students to observe and ask questions. Students practiced numeracy through games such as Hundred Chart Tic-Tac-Toe for younger grades and Multiplication 5-in-a-Row for older students. Fact fluency was a key focus, with timed multiplication challenges and hands-on practice using ten-frame Pop-Its.

The highlight of the evening was seeing families work together, problem-solve, and celebrate the joy of math. The PES community is grateful to Danis Supermarket, Little Red Hen, Sarah Pecorino Illustration, MRP Manufacturing, Fun Spot, Bell Brothers, D.R. Dimes, Chuckster's, MSA Globe, and Podmore Manufacturing for their generosity and commitment to our school. Their support is not only helping our students develop a deeper appreciation for math but is also strengthening the collaboration between school and home, reinforcing the importance of family engagement in education.

Kristen White, PES Principal

Panther Update: PES Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday are always a big deal in elementary schools, and this year at PES we had a blast! Our theme, "Reading 20 Minutes a Day is the Panther Way," reminded students and families just how important daily reading is. Reading for just 20 minutes a day can boost vocabulary, improve comprehension, and set kids up for success—not just in school, but in life.

The week was filled with fun activities that got everyone excited about books. Each day had a special theme, from 'Wear a Shirt You Can Read' to 'Curl Up with a Good Book Pajama Day.' A school-wide favorite was "You've Been Book'd." Books traveled from class to class, giving students of all ages a chance to enjoy a shared read-aloud experience.

Wednesday was extra special as guest readers from the community, including Derek Hamilton, Melissa Babcock, Molly Goggin, and Sandra Adams, visited classrooms to share their favorite stories. Classes also took part in Book Buddies, where older students paired up with younger ones to read together—boosting confidence, fluency, and, most importantly, the love of books.

Our wonderful Library Media Specialist, Melissa O'Leary, created a display of staff members' favorite childhood books to display on the windows. Students, families, and staff alike enjoyed reading about our favorite books and why they were important to us. We saw an increase in requests for these books, further sparking a love for reading among our students.

Kristen White, PES Principal

Panther Updates: Student Support Services

Crotched Mountain Foundation (CMF) has officially invited the Pittsfield School District to submit an application for the 2025-2028 School Anchor Partnership Program. The purpose of this program is to elevate and build the capacity of public schools for children with complex needs in economically disadvantaged communities. CMF Kids will fund special education initiatives up to \$300,000 over three years. Pittsfield was one of three school districts in the state to be chosen for this award. I have met with four of our special education teachers to identify goals and prepare the application process. We have four areas of focus: curriculum for Pre-K; professional development for Special Ed Teachers in reading, particularly in Orton – Gillingham; transition services for our high school students who continue with Pittsfield until they are 22 years old; and to work with the PES playground committee to make our preschool playground developmental and physically appropriate for all of our youngest students.

We have an elementary student who will be transitioning to an out-of-district school this spring. I am accompanying the family on tours of various schools to help determine which one would be the best fit and provide the least restrictive environment.

I would like to acknowledge our special education teachers for their tireless efforts, unwavering work ethic and positive attitudes. *Charlene Vary, Student Support Services*

Dear Pittsfield voters,
I did not run in the March 11, 2025, Pittsfield town election, but some thoughtful voter wrote my name in for planning board (where I had served for many years in the past). Thank you. I am grateful to and honored by each and every person who votes for me. And if this thoughtful voter cares to share with me who he is (text or call cell 603 203 6598), I would be grateful to know.

Thank you, Jim Pritchard



Hello fellow Pittsfield citizens!

As some of you already know, Old Home Day and Homecoming will be merging this year. The idea is to give it a try and see if merging forces makes us stronger! We will be asking the community for feedback after the event before making a decision for 2026. Since we can't know how it will go until we try, we will be giving it a shot!

Committees these days are dwindling with volunteers and ours is no different. We are MUCH less than half of what the last old home committees have been so, if you have any interest at all or have some ideas to share, please join us at our monthly meetings. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 at the Friendly Diner, here in town.

We are looking forward to this big town event to celebrate our town and all its wonderful citizens and organizations! It is a true joy preparing for this day and seeing it all come together for Pittsfield!

Let's celebrate being "better together!"

Gratefully,

The 2025 Old Home Day committee

SAVE THE DATE
PITTSFIELD
OLD HOME DAY
& PMHS Homecoming
JOIN TOGETHER
SEPT. 13, 2025

PMHS PANTHERS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY

BETTER TOGETHER

For Info or to Volunteer: Melissa 603-496-3928
For Vendor Information: Adam 603-219-7284

Where Can You Find?

Activities and events at the ...

Schools, the Library, Victory Workers 4-H Club, Parks and Recreation, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Pittsfield Players, Historical Society, local churches, Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), Rotary Club, and Senior Center

Local News...

New businesses, Town Meeting notifications and public hearings, Old Home Day, Homecoming, Balloon Rally, information about candidates for local elections, election results, Citizen of the Year

Interesting and informative topics...

Opinion letters and views, puzzles, recipes, obituaries

You Can Find It in the ***Pittsfield Post!***

The *Pittsfield Post*, a **free** bi-weekly non-profit newsletter, publishes all these items throughout the year. Volunteers started this newsletter in November 2019, and it's still going strong thanks to the people of Pittsfield! However, the *Post* needs help! Costs of publishing this town-oriented newsletter are going up and the amount of news is increasing. The *Post* has expanded from 4 pages to sometimes 12 pages. This is good, but it is costly.

Please consider a donation to Pittsfield's newsletter. Any amount will help defray costs. The easiest way is to go to our webpage: www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org. Click on the 'Donate' button and donate using PayPal, credit card, or debit card. Or you could send a check made out to Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC) [memo: newspaper] PO Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Donations are totally tax deductible.

Thank you for supporting the *Post!*

Liz Dimmick, Volunteer



House Session March 20, 2025

HB109 makes it a crime to conduct criminal assault against police officers during the performance of their official duty, making it an additional crime against the person. It passed 198-173 .

Failing 157-213, **HB218**, which provides the victims of a crime with the right to request a free initial police report. A complete report is always available from the police after the investigation.

HB10, establishing the parental bill of rights, passed with a bipartisan vote of 212-161. Parents are in control regarding the education and care of their minor children and must be informed about their children's health, well-being, and education while in school. 18 states currently have parental rights, and 32 more have proposed new legislation. **HB433**, making 17 the age of consent if either party is in active military duty with parental consent. It passed 193-178

HB718 passed 211-163, requiring the state board of education to report the cost that local districts must incur to comply with rules that exceed state or federal education standards. The cost of special education for some schools is 30% of the total budget! **HB68** requires superintendents to approve student requests for reassignment within the same school district and requires reasons in writing to parents for denials. This bill passed 217-156.

HB676 requires parents and education service providers to complete education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys. The goal is to understand why the parents leave the school and how much they contribute above the EFA funding. Passed 205-166.

HB288 was passed with a voice vote. It allows absentee ballots to be requested up to 6 months before any election. **HB474** requires a second witness at the counting of write-in votes and passed with a voice vote.

Failing 169-201, **HB630** prevents the dissemination of deepfakes (high-technology-driven fakes) before an election. It is believed that the current law already covers all types of technology.

HB732 enhances the informed consent and accountability to parents, guardians, and state caregivers before prescribing a psychotropic drug for children under Medicaid. This bill passed 206-165.

HB88 (passed 211-155) allows married individuals to create community property trusts to take advantage of federal tax law.

HB148 permits the classification of individuals based on biological sex in lavatory facilities and locker rooms, sporting competitions, and detention facilities and passed 201-166. This was a very heated debate on protecting women's privacy.

HB273 was another heated debate on parents' access to all their minor child's library records and passed 196-162. **HB379** failed by a voice vote and would have dictated the number of hours a minor could work while in school.

HB672 enables the building of off-grid electrical generation facilities, a completely novel approach to power & opening the door for invention. This bill passed 215-172.

HB710 paves the way for advanced nuclear technology, (259-85). HCR(Resolution)2 was also adopted, declaring advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of New Hampshire and the U. S.

HB631 permitting residential building in commercial zones was approved 201-134 .

If you should have any questions, please email us at info@ClaytonCyril4House.com

Sincerely, your Representatives Cyril Aures & Clayton Wood