

# PITTSFIELD POST

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“April is the gateway to the joys of summer.” – *Fennel Hudson*

April 30, 2025

**The Pittsfield Players Present**

***The Laramie Project***

**May 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30 PM**

Directors Meggin Dail and Jeff Crowell-Gregoire are pleased to present to the public *The Laramie Project*, by the Tectonic Theatre Project, on May 2, 3, 9 and 10. Accompanying the show is an opening act of music by Loose Ground, the winners of the Players’ Mic Competition 2025.



The Laramie Project is a play written by The Tectonic Theatre Project of NYC after the troupe visited Laramie, WY, following the nation’s first recognized hate crime in 1998: the murder of Matthew Shepard. The show consists of “moments” instead of scenes that are made up of snippets from the troupe’s interviews done between the troupe’s members and Laramie’s residents. The moments consist of the telling of both sides of the story, finishing with a message of hope for the future.

Both a work of art and a work of the heart, The Pittsfield Players invite you to be a part of this unique performance, and advise that

the performance contains strong language and adult themes and is not intended for children. Our website [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) has more information about this play and we encourage you to visit it. Tickets are also available online and by reservation, 603-435-8853, and at the door.

**This project is fully sponsored by Darrah Enterprises of Pittsfield.**

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## Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed Tues, April 29, and Wed, April 30.** Please visit the home page of the Town website for options to pay online: [pittsfieldnh.gov](http://pittsfieldnh.gov) There is also a drop box to the right of the Town Hall door.

**Mon, April 28 - Fri, May 2:** Pittsfield School District **Spring Vacation.**

**Tues, April 29:** Pittsfield Middle High School Athletics - **Spring Team Pictures** have been postponed to: Tuesday, April 29. 3pm - MS Boys @ Drake Field; 3pm - Varsity Boys @ Drake Field; 4:30pm - MSG/JVG @ Tilton Hill; 4:30pm - Varsity Girls @ Tilton Hill.

**Wed, April 30, at 9:30am:** Senior Center B & B - **Breakfast and Bingo** and a **Puzzle Swap**. Are those jigsaw puzzles building up after the winter? Let's swap today so we all get a new one. For info call Anne [603-435-8482](tel:603-435-8482).

We are still looking for a Meals on Wheels driver. If you are interested in helping some of the most vulnerable people in the community, this may be the job for you. If interested, please apply at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2756787>

**Thur, May 1, 6:30pm:** The **Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family (CHF)** group will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level. New members are always welcome. If you're interested, please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or email to [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**Thurs, May 1:** The **4-H Young Entrepreneurs** have been busy and are looking forward to opening up for the season. Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd, is opening for the season on May 1. Hours are Wed-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm; and Sun, 10am-4pm.

**Mon, May 5, 6:30pm:** The **Victory Workers 4-H Club** will meet at the PES Gym.

## Summer Positions at the FB Argue Recreation Area (AKA Town Pool)

\*Director

\*Lifeguards - certification required. Ask about certification reimbursement.

\*Beach Attendants

\*Gate Keepers.

Great hours, fun atmosphere, pay TBD.

Questions 603-545-2402, [parks@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:parks@pittsfieldnh.gov) or visit the website: [pittsfieldnh.gov](http://pittsfieldnh.gov)

**Fri, May 2 - noon deadline:** 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. 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 noon on 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 may be sent to the *Post* at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) or mailed to the Pittsfield Post, Post Office Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Please include your contact information.

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**PMHS Alumni:** Each year in early June, the **Pittsfield Post** prints a special color edition celebrating the current **graduating class of Pittsfield Middle High School**. This year we are asking **alumni** from the graduating classes for **years ending in five** (2015, 2005, 1995, etc.) to send us messages that will be included in the 2025 PMHS graduation edition. *It's free*. Perhaps words of encouragement or support, advice, a fun PMHS memory, or just good wishes for the future. We will be collecting messages now through **May 9**. Please send yours to the *Post* email: [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) or mail to *Pittsfield Post*, Post Office Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263.

**Tues, May 6, from 9-11am:** First Congregational Church of Pittsfield **Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** will be open for families to receive supplemental diapers once per opening, now once every month. Each family receives diapers/product per child in need, and one package of wipes per family. We generally have NB through size 6 diapers, along with pull-ups and overnights. Please use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate your donations. Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages) and donations of wipes are always welcomed. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions, including donation questions.

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

**Sat, May 10, 8:30-9:30am: Community breakfast** at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. Cost is FREE - ALL are welcome.

**Tues, May 13, 6:30pm:** Your chance to audition for a world premiere event at the Scenic Theatre, Home of **The Pittsfield Players**, 6 Depot St. "A Time To Gather Stones," written and directed by George Kelly, is the courtroom drama sure to garner interest as it is the story of Josie Langmaid's murder - Pembroke Academy student, Pembroke resident. A memorial stone gives the grisly details on Academy Road in Pembroke. George Kelly puts the case into perspective.

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)**, 18 Park St., is open for **Drop-In Hours** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3-6pm, Wednesday 1-6pm. The food pantry at PYW is stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth, and is open during Drop-In hours. Contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at [\(603\) 435-8272](tel:6034358272) Text at [603-234-9788](tel:6032349788).

**\*\*\*NOTE - For School Vacation Week:** Mon, 4/28 - Thurs, 5/1 - Drop-in hours from 2-5pm.

**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>

**PES and End 68 Hours of Hunger** are joining forces to create positive change. Would you like to help bag and deliver groceries to local families who need a

little extra? This impactful program ensures that students and families have food that will hold them over on the weekends. We are seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. Contact Mike Curtin [mcurtin@sau51.org](mailto:mcurtin@sau51.org) To sign up for delivery, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org>

**Now through Jan 31, 2026: NexTrex Recycling Challenge!** Help the PES PTO to complete this challenge, and the school will receive a *Trex composite-built bench.*

During this time frame, the challenge is to collect 1000 pounds of certain #2 and #4 plastics.

**\*\*Acceptable items\*\***

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 PMHS on Oneida Street, and in front of Bell Brothers, between the ice chest and the firewood. Drop off your collected items any time.

**\*\*Unacceptable items\*\***

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 send email to [pto@sau51.org](mailto:pto@sau51.org)

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Greg Martin on Sun, April 27; to Aunt Rose Kimball on Tues, April 29; and to Jackie Clattenburg on Sat, May 3. I hope you e enjoy your special day.



## New Hampshire Tea Crafters

If you haven't been there yet, do yourself a favor and visit the new tea shop on Leavitt Road (by the car wash). Julie Worthen and her sister opened New Hampshire Tea Crafters about a month ago and they're already developing a regular clientele.

Julie shared that she has long been interested in herbs, herbal remedies and teas. She hand blends all the teas they sell and offers over 35 different recipes including black, green, white and a wide variety of herbal teas. Julie and her sister will also create custom blends upon request. One of their most popular teas is made from dried beets, hibiscus and other herbs. They call it "Beet the Clock" – it is delightfully refreshing! They also make smoothies, and another popular favorite is the "Pink Panther" (in honor of PMHS). It's a frosty made with a mix of berries and coconut milk.

In addition to tea, the shop makes homemade soups and panini sandwiches for lunch. They make their own flavored sugars and sell a nice selection of locally made hand-crafts. Julie says they hope to obtain a soft-serve machine soon and will plan to make tea-flavored ice cream. Just in time for summer!

The shop is open from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Plan to swing by soon and treat yourself to a delicious, healthy cup of tea.



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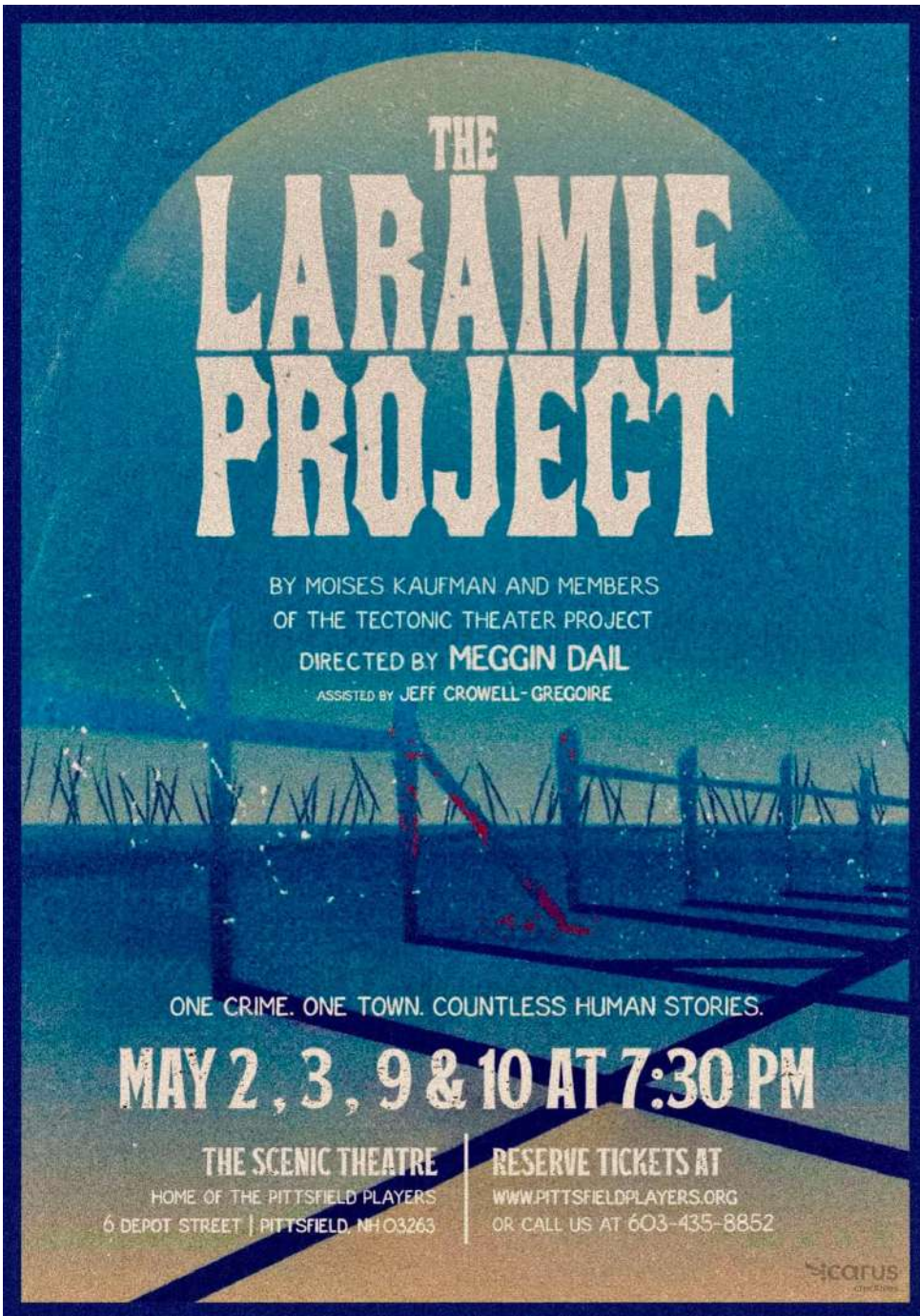
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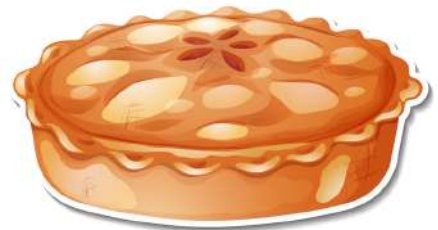
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## Thank you!

The members of the First Congregational Church thank all our neighbors who stopped by and purchased a pie at our recent sale. It was great seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends. And, of course, chatting with everyone. The money raised will go towards resurfacing the parking lot. Again, thank you. (Church services are every Sunday at 10 am. Please join us.)



The Pittsfield Historical Society is completely supported by members, donations and volunteers. We receive no tax dollars. We have accomplished much in the preservation of the history of our community and recently opened the new museum, all due to the support of members, donations and volunteers. We continue to maintain the Historic Trail, host a monthly Open House at the Museum, provide research, and build a sense of community via our Facebook page. Would you like to donate? More info..... <https://pittsfieldhistory.com>



## Panther Updates: Pittsfield Elementary School

**Behavior Report** At Pittsfield Elementary School staff remain deeply committed to cultivating a positive school culture focused on the core values of respect, responsibility, safety, and kindness. The Student Success Center (SSC) plays a central role in this effort. Staff consistently deliver the Zones of Regulation curriculum, guide morning meeting activities, and provide responsive interventions when behavioral expectations are not met. Eight staff members have completed training in the Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavior. With the proper support team in place, this tiered framework ensures that all students receive the appropriate level of support to succeed.

### Behavioral Data Overview

#### *Student Success Center Referrals*

- August to December 2024–25: 184 referrals
- August to December 2023–24: 345 referrals
- January to March 2024–25: 109 referrals
- January to March 2023–24: 234 referrals

#### *Major Referrals Entered by Administration (Alma)*

- August to December 2024–25: 299 incidents
- August to December 2023–24: 157 incidents
- January to March 2024–25: 260 incidents
- January to March 2023–24: 105 incidents

These data points reveal key trends. While SSC referrals have decreased significantly compared to last year, administrative major referrals have increased. This shift may reflect the ongoing behavioral challenges some students face, particularly in the areas of defiance, physical aggression, disrespect, and inappropriate language.

We are actively addressing these patterns through planning and daily communication with families. Staff are supporting students in becoming more reflective and responsible, with many beginning to take ownership of their actions. With strong collaboration between staff, families, and the wider community, we continue working toward a safe, respectful learning environment where every student can thrive.

**Kindergarten Registration** Kindergarten registration officially opened in March, and families of incoming students were invited to complete enrollment paperwork and schedule a one-on-one appointment with the kindergarten team. On April 9 those individualized sessions took place. Families were able to ask questions, learn about the daily schedule, explore the curriculum, discuss what to expect during their child’s transition into kindergarten, and share important information about their child’s personality, interests, and needs—ensuring that the school team is well-prepared to support each learner from day one.

Our kindergarten program is intentionally designed as a play-based model aligned with the NH Department of Education’s kindergarten standards. We believe that young children learn best through developmentally appropriate, hands-on experiences that foster creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving.

**Preschool Play-Based Classroom Visits** In May our preschool classrooms will open their doors for play-based visits with incoming 3- and 4-year-old children and their families. These sessions are designed to create a warm, welcoming first experience for our youngest learners. While students engage with thoughtfully selected materials in a play-rich environment, families will have the opportunity to observe the classroom in action, meet our dedicated preschool staff, and gain a better understanding of our curriculum and daily routines.

This year, our preschool teacher, Mrs. Perry, has been working closely with members of our instructional leadership team to strengthen curriculum alignment and early learning outcomes. This collaboration supports foundational math understanding and introduction to key literacy concepts and vocabulary-rich instruction, setting the stage for future academic success. Families may contact the PES Main Office at (603) 435-8432 to reserve time for the preschool play session.

**Spring Family/Teacher Conferences** Our Spring Family/Teacher Conferences were held the week of April 14. Our fifth graders once again took the lead for their student-led conferences: a model that encourages reflection, ownership, and goal setting as they approach the transition to middle school. These conferences provide a valuable platform for students to share their progress and set academic and personal goals in collaboration with both their teachers and families. At PES we deeply believe in the power of partnership.

Whether it's welcoming our youngest learners or empowering students to lead their own conferences, our commitment to family engagement remains at the heart of all we do.

**PES Week of Kindness** We celebrated a Week of Kindness from April 21 to 25. This special week was led by our school counselor, Mr. Curtin, who truly embodies kindness in everything he does. Most recently, he worked with our fifth graders to build Buddy Benches for the playground, designated spaces where students can sit if they're feeling lonely or in need of a friend.

Throughout the week, students and staff participated in a variety of themed activities that promote kindness and connection. On Mix It Up Monday, students sat with someone new during lunch or class and discovered what they have in common, then contributed to a school-wide bulletin board that celebrates those connections. Earth Day Tuesday focused on caring for our school environment, with each class adopting a space to clean or beautify. On Thank You Wednesday, students helped serve a special appreciation lunch to honor our local police and fire departments, SAU staff, school board members, and dedicated community volunteers. Walk-a-thon Thursday brought us together for a joyful school-wide walk, set to music by our own Ms. Ingerson. We wrapped-up the week with Friendship Friday, when older students will visit younger classrooms to read stories about kindness and friendship.

**PES Art in the Community** Beginning on April 1, 2025, thirty pieces of artwork created by our talented PES student artists were proudly displayed at the Friendly Diner. This collaboration between PES and the Friendly Diner offered a unique opportunity to showcase student creativity in a community-centered space. Families are encouraged to stop by, enjoy a meal, and celebrate the artistic talents of our students.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms. Steven for her hard work, creativity, and coordination in making this wonderful opportunity a reality. We are also grateful to the Friendly Diner for supporting the arts and helping us highlight the incredible work happening at PES.



**Emergency Management Update** Keeping our students and staff safe—both physically and emotionally—will always be a top priority. We've been taking important steps to strengthen our emergency response plans and make sure we're prepared if the unexpected happens.

One of those steps has been to identify a designated Area of Refuge here at school. This would be used if we needed to evacuate the building but couldn't stay outside due to unsafe weather or other conditions. With support from Mr. Hamilton and Dusty Durant, we've confirmed that the PMHS gymnasium would be our relocation site. We've put clear systems in place for moving students, taking attendance, and making sure everyone is safe and supported while we wait for the next steps.

We also met with members of Joy Church to finalize our off-site evacuation plan. After touring the building, we agreed it would be a great fit if we ever needed to leave campus entirely. It's close by, easy to get to, and has the space we'd need to keep our school community comfortable and cared for. Our PES Leadership Team toured the space and we've already begun mapping out how we'd organize students and staff if we needed to use it.

In addition, we're working on a reciprocal plan for PMHS to use PES as their Area of Refuge if they were to experience an emergency. Mr. Hamilton and Dusty are helping to lead that planning as well, making sure our schools are aligned and ready to support each other. I'm so grateful for the collaboration and support from our staff and community partners. Taking these steps helps us feel more confident and prepared, knowing we're doing everything we can to take care of our kids and one another. *Kristen White, PES Principal*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Senior Center Hours</b> Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm	<b>Food Pantry</b> Mon. 1am - 2pm 4pm - 6pm Thurs: 11am - 2pm (603)435-7300		<b>5:30pm</b> School Board meeting, <b>6pm</b> ZBA meeting, Town Hall	<b>6:30pm</b> Rotary Club "Mom Prom" <b>7:30pm</b> The Scenic Theatre "The Laramie Project"	<b>7:30pm</b> The Scenic Theatre "The Laramie Project"
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b> Victory Workers 4-H meeting, PES <b>6:30pm</b> American Legion, Town Hall	<b>9-11am</b> Diaper Pantry, First Cong. Church	<b>6:30pm</b> Suncook Valley Rotary Club <b>7pm</b> Sun. Valley Sno-Riders meeting	<b>7pm</b> Planning Board Meeting	<b>7:30pm</b> The Scenic Theatre "The Laramie Project"	<b>8:30 - 9:30am</b> Joy Church Free Community Breakfast <b>7:30pm</b> The Scenic Theatre "The Laramie Project"
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>1-4pm</b> Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	<b>6:30pm</b> Josiah Carpenter Library: Mead and Read Book Club meeting <b>7pm</b> Greater Chamber of Commerce meeting	<b>5:30pm</b> PES PTO meeting <b>6pm</b> Selectboard meeting, Town Hall <b>6pm</b> Parks & Rec meeting, Community Ctr.	<b>9:30am</b> Library Trustee meeting <b>4pm</b> Community Development Com. meeting, Town Hall <b>7pm</b> Sun. Valley Sno-Riders meeting	<b>5:30pm</b> School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b> Community Supper, Congregational Church	<b>6:30pm</b> Friends of the Library meeting	<b>6:30pm</b> Sun. Valley Rotary Club, Hist. Society	<b>5:30pm</b> Old Home Day Com. meeting <b>7pm</b> Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Town Offices Closed</b>	<b>6pm</b> Selectboard meeting, Town Hall	<b>4pm</b> Community Development Com. meeting, Town Hall			



# Panther Updates: Student Support Services

## Students with Disabilities

Pittsfield has 143 students with disabilities who qualify for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Of these students, 33 qualify for more than one disability. Additionally, five students have been newly referred for an evaluation or are currently being evaluated. These numbers highlight the diverse needs of students requiring special education services, underscoring the importance of providing individualized support to ensure their academic success.

Disability	Number of Students
Autism	17
Developmental	18
Emotional Disability	6
Intellectual	7
Multiple Disability	4
Other Health	33
Specific Learning	42
Speech and	15
Traumatic Brain	1

## Section 504

PES has 26 students who are eligible for a 504 plan, while PMHS has 34 students with a 504 plan. These students receive accommodations to support their academic success and ensure they have equal access to education. The 504 plans are designed to provide tailored support for students with disabilities or chronic conditions, promoting their inclusion and helping them to thrive in the classroom environment.

## Out of District and Charter Schools

Currently, Pittsfield has 16 students (part of the 143) enrolled in private schools or public charter schools for whom the district is legally responsible for meeting their special education needs. These students receive services and accommodations as mandated by law to ensure they have access to an appropriate education regardless of their school setting. The district works closely with the private and charter schools to ensure that these students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) are properly implemented and that they receive the necessary support. These partnerships help provide specialized support for students who require services beyond what is available within the district.

### Out-of-District Schools Currently Serving Pittsfield Students:

Monarch School of New England  
Longview School  
Easterseals - Robert B. Jolicoeur  
Strafford Learning Center  
Wediko School  
Ready Set Connect

Charter Schools:  
Strong Foundations Charter School  
Ben Franklin Academy  
Birches Academy

**Note to Readers of the Post:** 493 students were enrolled in the Pittsfield School District in October 2024.





# Mother's Day Flowers!

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## Yard Sale!

Saturdays beginning in May  
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## 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 All 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](http://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*

## **A Message to *Pittsfield Post* Advertisers**

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## Cooks Corner *Stir-Fry Pork & Vegetables with Wonton Crisps*

With warmer weather on the way, my thoughts often turn to looking for lighter fare for lunch or dinner. This recipe fits the bill. It's a great little stir fry, but doesn't involve all the chopping that most stir-fry recipes require. We enjoy this, as is, in a bowl, but it's also great served over cooked rice. Feel free to amp up the fish sauce if you like things a little hotter. Bon appetit!

½ cup soy sauce

2 TBSP unseasoned rice vinegar

1 TBSP sugar

1 TBSP sesame oil

1 TBSP fish sauce or sambal oelek (chili paste),  
Sriracha or hot sauce

1&1/2 lb ground pork (or ground chicken)

6 scallions, white & green parts separated, thinly sliced

4 cloves garlic, minced

4 tsp grated ginger (or from a tube of prepared ginger paste)

1 (12 to 14 oz) bag green cole slaw mix

8 oz shitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced

2 cups wonton crisps (in produce where they sell croutons)

Combine soy, vinegar, sugar, sesame oil and the fish sauce (or whatever you're using) in a bowl. Cook the pork (or chicken) in a skillet until no longer pink, 5 to 7 minutes. Add scallion whites, garlic and ginger; cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add cole slaw mix, mushrooms, and soy sauce mixture and cook until cabbage is just wilted, about 3 minutes.

Off heat, stir in scallion greens

To serve, divide pork mixture into serving bowls and top each bowl with a generous helping of wonton crisps.



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## Panther Updates: Pittsfield Middle High School

We have established Saturday, June 14 for the Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony. The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please save the date for our annual Exhibition on Thursday, May 22. Middle school students will continue to attend school at the standard time on May 22, but high school students will have a non-traditional school day from 12:00-7:00 p.m. Our theme for this year's Exhibition is *Learning is Lifelong*. This year's Exhibition will feature an art gallery in the main lobby, the film premier of *Confessions of a Tardy Student*, and a performance from our PMHS band and chorus.

*Eighth Grade Promotion Update:* The third quarter ended on March 21. The administration mailed letters to all families of eighth-grade students not passing two or more core courses. According to the Middle School Promotion policy, "in order for a student to be promoted from eighth to ninth grade, first-year eighth grade students are required to pass all course competencies in their core courses (English, math, science, and social studies)." In the 2029 cohort, 13 students (36%) out of 36 are of concern. This percentage of students who need to bring up their competency scores is not uncommon for early spring. Currently there are high attendance rates among eighth grade students attending the Middle School After School Program for extra help. In addition, regular conversations and meetings take place with families, administration, advisors and students, and we are confident that most students will meet the promotion requirements.

We are thrilled to offer middle school students who met the academic criteria the opportunity to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Twenty students in grades six through eight applied, and the faculty council has reviewed the applications. The induction ceremony will take place after the April break.

GEAR UP and PMHS will be hosting a Job and Internship Fair in May. This will connect local businesses with our students for employment opportunities for graduating seniors and students looking for summer employment. *Derek Hamilton, PMHS Principal and Melissa Brown, PMHS Assistant Principal*

### Pittsfield's Alexandria Penney Reaches 500 Strikeouts as a Sophomore

Alexandria Penney, a sophomore at Pittsfield Middle High School, attained a major milestone last week with her 500th career strikeout for the Panthers' varsity softball team.

Off the field, Alexandria shines just as brightly. She holds a 3.777 GPA, is a member of the National Honor Society, HOSA class representative, Site Council co-chair, and volunteers in her community.

A fierce competitor and a role model, Alexandria is proving that hard work, heart, and hustle go a long way - and she's just getting started.



Alexandria Penney (center) and her Panther teammates.

### Mom Prom 2025



Fri, May 2, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Mom Prom" at Dell Lea in Chichester, a Rotary fundraiser benefiting Catamount Womenaid. Tickets are \$80 per person. Get ready for a night of fun, food, dancing, raffles and more with your favorite ladies! This event is a great opportunity to get our your 'prom' dress, 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 if you don't want to! <https://form.jotform.com/250535427501147> (or visit the Rotary Club's FB page)



## House Session April 10, 2025

April 10th was a special day for the House, called "Crossover." It was the last day to complete house bills before moving the passed ones on to the Senate (and vice versa). The rest of the day was voting on the State's biennial (2yr) budget.

After a failed amendment to remove maintenance for the state-owned railroads, **HB15** was approved on a voice vote to acquire over \$130 million in loans for statewide capital improvements.

**HB302** passed, 192-179, and approved the state treasury to invest and diversify in precious metals and digital assets.

**HB493**, requiring education for healthcare providers on child abuse and neglect, as a condition of licensing, failed as healthcare workers are already aware of what to look for. Vote was 177-193.

**HB71**, prohibiting the use of public buildings like schools to be used as shelters for illegal aliens, passed 209-162.

**HB66**, relative to the Right to Know. Discussion was long whether to change the word "citizen" to "person" to determine who has the right to know. Believe it or not, the argument was that "citizen" is an undefined term in current law! **HB66** allows anyone to make the request, regardless of where you live. People can abuse this right for the wrong reasons, resulting in a significant cost burden to the town. It passed 207-164.

**HB115**, passed by a vote of 188-18, increases the income eligibility for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program to 400% in 2026 and then completely removes the criteria in 2027, making the program universal. Many other states have caught on to the multiplied value in school choice.

**HB282** passed overwhelmingly (296-76), and increases the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty to \$1M biennially.

After an attempt to table, **HB511** passed 211-161 and outlines the improved cooperation between local law enforcement and the federal agencies regarding the enforcement of federal immigration law.

**HB1** reduced the Governor's budget to account for the difference in revenue estimate between the Governor and the Ways & Means Committee of \$800 million. The Governor planned on dipping into the Rainy Day fund, but the finance committee wanted to preserve the AA+ rating that we have just procured over the last year. These cuts came from increasing just about all income fees, eliminating over 200 state positions, reducing funding to many state programs, increasing revenue from gaming, and consolidating some judicial agencies. **HB1** passed 192-183.

The next 4 hours were about **HB2**, which also needs to pass for the budget to be considered approved by the House. It was mostly about considering over 25 amendments to either bring back some of the funding or give wanted laws a special interest position. As expected, these were mainly partisan votes, with some of the cuts getting returned to the budget. Finally, **HB2** was approved 185-175 at 7:10.

Sincerely,

Your Representatives, Cyril Aures & Clayton Wood

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