PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"There are three things I've learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin." *Linus, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*

October 28, 2026

Notes from the Selectboard

Once again, the Selectboard did not meet for a regular session but did use this off-cycle week to conduct a budget work session. We are fast approaching the deadlines for preparing the 2027 fiscal year budget. We plan to continue this schedule of alternating between budget work sessions and regular business meetings until the budget work is complete.

This week we had no appointments, hearings, presentations, or consent calendar to negotiate. We did devote time to additional discussions with the planning team from Our Lady of Lourdes Church concerning the upcoming return of the Saint Bernadette relics. The Fire Chief, Police Chief and Emergency Management Director also participated and have their own departmental plans for ensuring that this is a safe and successful visit for all.

We then moved immediately into discussions of the Department of Public Works, police and fire budget proposals. These are preliminary, "first cut" looks at all three of these individual slices of the municipal budget. Everyone is acutely aware that this is a tough budget season and that complex decisions lay ahead. Every department is committed to providing the necessary services at the best possible cost to each taxpayer. The Board and all the department heads are continually seeking ways to curtail spending wherever possible, while still meeting the health and safety needs of the community.

The police, fire, and public works department budgets are not discretionary. They are essential for the protection of our citizens and maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy. As we piece the budget together over the coming weeks, everyone who plays a part in the process is devoted to maximizing benefits, minimizing risks, and letting thrift guide the decisions.

J.C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard

Chamber of Commerce
Meet the Candidates Night

Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6:30pm

PMHS Lecture Hall





Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Thurs, Oct. 29, 6:30-8pm – **Meet the Candidates** Night hosted by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce at Pittsfield Middle High School Lecture Hall. Candidates for the NH House of Representatives to represent Pittsfield and Chichester will be attending. Residents of Chichester and Pittsfield are welcome to attend.

Sat, Oct. 31 – **Trick or Treat** hours are from 5-7pm. Have fun and be safe!

Sat, Oct. 31, 10am–1pm – **Spooktacular Crafting Extravaganza** at the Josiah Carpenter Library. Craft supplies and snacks provided.

Sat, Oct. 31 – During Trick or Treat Hours from 5-7pm – Stop in at **Pittsfield Youth Workshop** (PYW), Park St. and visit the Haunted House designed, decorated, and built by the youth at PYW.

Sat, Oct. 31 - PES PTO is sponsoring the **Trunk or Treat** again this year. With Halloween being on a Saturday, we will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 from 6:30–8pm. After working with the Select Board, we will be on Broadway St. If you would like to sign up to be a trunk please email PESNHPTO@gmail.com. We are currently accepting candy. Drop offs are available at Friendly Diner and Bell Brothers. We will be having a bake sale at the event, if you would like to bring a baked good, please email PESNHPTO@gmail.com

Nov, 1 Deadline- **Josiah Carpenter Library Time Capsule**. Come on over and help us fill the time capsule! Bring Pittsfield-related items from this year to fill it. Have a menu from one of the local restaurants? Bring it in so we can compare prices! Come write down your favorite book or author in one of the cards. There is one for adults, teens, and kids. Please be sure to bring things in by Nov. 1 so we have a shot at burying it.

Sun, Nov. 1, 1-3pm - **Braiders of the Lost Art Annual Open House** at the Northwood Community Center, 135 Main St., Northwood. Come join us to see our braided crafts, experience how braiding is done, sign up for offered classes and enjoy refreshments. All are welcome, we love to share family memories of this old art.

Mon, Nov. 2, 7pm- **Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level for their monthly meeting.

Mon, Nov. 2, 6:30pm- The **Victory Workers 4-H Club** will hold their monthly meeting at the PES gym.

Mon, Nov. 2, 6:30pm – **The American Legion Peterson Cram Post** 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

Tues, Nov. 3, 7am–7pm - The **State General Election** will be held at the Pittsfield Middle High School gymnasium, located at 23 Oneida St.. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Town Clerk's office and the town website: /www.pittsfieldnh.gov

Tues, Nov. 3, 9-11am – First Congregational Church of Pittsfield **Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** will be open for families to receive supplemental diapers 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 will pull-ups and overnights. We use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate 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, Nov. 4, 6:30pm – The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Thurs, Nov. 5, 7pm – The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station, Catamount Rd.

Fri, Nov. 6, 4-7pm, and Sat, Nov. 7, 9am-2pm - **Our Lady of Lourdes Church & St. Joseph's Women's Club** are having their Annual Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 844 1st New Hampshire Turnpike, Northwood.

Sat, Nov. 7- Suncook Valley Rotary Club PENNY SALE will be held at the Pittsfield Middle High School Gym. Doors open at 4pm and drawings at 6:15pm. We are looking for prize donations. If you or your business would like to donate cash or prizes, please contact a Rotary Club member.

Sun, Nov. 8, 1-4pm – **The Pittsfield Historical Society,** Oak St., will be open to the public. Stop in and view all the wonderful artifacts from Pittsfield's history!

Tues., Nov. 10, 6pm – The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission will meet at the Community Center.

Fri, Nov. 13, 5:30pm – A **Community Supper** will be held at the First Congregational Church, Main St. Cost is a donation. All are welcome to attend. Join us for a great meal and a chance to meet some new friends.
Sat, Nov. 14, 8:30am – **FREE Community Breakfast** at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome to attend.
Sun, Nov. 15, 11am-1pm- Step into the wild at the **Graylag Nature Preserve** for a hands-on Shelter Building workshop, led by Aaron Gibeau. Open to all experience levels, participants will learn the basics of how to build a shelter in the wilderness- learn how to make a lean-to as well as an A-frame shelter out of nature, tarps, and rope. Bring a lunch to enjoy afterwards, and a pocket knife. Anyone 16+ (or 12+ with an adult) welcome, no experience necessary. Graylag Nature Preserve, 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield, Midway Cabin.
Sat, Nov. 21, 8am–3pm – Save the Date - **OHRV Safety Snowmobile Course** at the Pittsfield Community Center and then from 5-7pm – Ham & Bean Supper sponsored by the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders at the Pittsfield Community Center.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop - Are you looking for a unique way to give back to the community? We would love to chat with you! Please email Ashley if you are interested in learning more about the PYW Public Relations Committee.
Ashley@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

As we celebrate PYW's 40th birthday, we want to hear from the people who have been part of PYW's story over the years. Via this Google Form, please answer as many—or as few of the prompts—as you'd like.
https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfYs8H5iZh.../viewform...
Privacy Notice: Contact information you provide will be kept private and will not be shared with anyone outside of PYW. We will only use your contact information to follow up with you regarding your submission.

End 68 Hours of Hunger - COAT/BOOT DRIVE
Attention community! We are looking for folks who would like to adopt a Pittsfield family to donate/purchase coats and boots. If you would like to adopt a family or donate, please call or text Lori Mahar at 603-490-5254 asap. DEADLINE is Oct 31.

Josiah Carpenter Library - Ask questions, float your ideas, share your concerns Oct.28, 5-6 pm; Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield. Drop in and meet Paul Twomey and Becky Berk - running as Independent candidates to represent Pittsfield and Chichester in the NH House of Representatives. Come talk with them -

Pittsfield Players - Do you want to propose (or even direct) a show for the Pittsfield Players for the 2027 season? You are in luck! We've reopened proposals for 2027, and the new deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 5pm. You can submit proposals to general@pittsfieldplayers.org. Put in as many details as you can, but they don't have to be perfect at this point. What show do you want to propose? What would be an approximate sample budget? Do you have any thoughts on set design, production crew, etc.? We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Happy Birthday wishes to Juanita Smith Gouchenouer on Thurs., Oct. 29, to Michaela St. George on Fri, Oct. 30, to Logan Plante on Sun, Nov. 1, to Dawn Facella and John Feeny on Wed, Nov. 4, to Sheila Fries and Tina Fife on Thurs, Nov. 5, to Brady Plante on Fri, Nov. 6 and to Donna Cadose on Sun., Nov. 8

Happy Anniversary wishes to my brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Terry Riel on Tues, Oct. 27, to Stacey and Kevin Wittenberg and to Allison and Jim Buttafuoco on Wed, Oct. 28

Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions or questions you would like to share?

Submission Guidelines

- Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.
- Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday via News@PittsfieldPost.org

The *Post* Volunteers

Local Elections Matter

I'm voting for Becky Berk. I've met her and believe she is truly interested in representing the best interests of Chichester and Pittsfield residents.

For the last four years, both incumbents have voted in lockstep with an extremist right wing agenda. Dressed up as Republicans they are carrying the water for the Free State Project (FSP) with a top priority to dismantle public education. Side note: If you don't know what the FSP is and the out-of-state billionaire funding behind it, please find out.

I'm tired of local officials doing the bidding of billionaires who could care less about life in the Granite State!

The crusade against public education began with Education Freedom Accounts (EFA) touted as a way to level the educational playing field for underprivileged students. A good idea executed with ill intent.

In 2021 EFAs launched with an $8 million budget and 54% of enrolled students were from low income households. That mushroomed to more than $51 million this year with only 19% from low income households. Why? Because the Republican majority in Concord has fostered it through continually increasing enrollment caps and eliminating income requirements.

As a result, public education funding keeps shifting to local communities while NH tax dollars subsidize private education for families already sending their kids to private schools. That is not leveling the playing field. That is grift.

Decide for yourself, meet Becky https://www.independentsformerrimack13.com

Lisa Almeida

Tapestry Weaver & WCA, NH Chapter President

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Pittsfield/Chichester Voters,

We support Becky Berk and Paul Twomey, who are running to represent 'US' for State Representative in Merrimack District 13 (Pittsfield and Chichester).

In personal conversations and their campaign updates and letters to our community, they have shared a meaningful message, good ideas can come from all sides, and collaboration is key to finding true solutions.

As Independent candidates, they are not bound by rigid partisan agendas, their focus is entirely on bringing open-minded, practical, and transparent leadership to Concord; with intention to provide real problem solving that will positively impact Pittsfield and Chichester.

They make it clear that they are running to offer voters a meaningful choice; wanting to move away from extreme voting patterns of the current incumbents and replace them with accountability that protects the true interests of all people in Pittsfield and Chichester.

We need representatives who listen to and HEAR us, putting our families first - not their partisan agendas!

For more information on Becky and Paul - please check out their website!
https://www.independentsformerrimack13.com/

Vote Becky and Paul November 3rd!

Sincerely,

Donna and Steve Keeley

Pittsfield Recreational Basketball

Registration closes on Nov. 8.

Any child after the second one, plays free

• Pre-K & Kindergarten - child must be the age of 4 by Dec. 1 to partake in this season.

• Grades 1 & 2, • Grades 3 & 4, • Grades 5 & 6.

Coaches Needed! Coaching is a rewarding way to support our community and help kids develop their skills and love for the game.

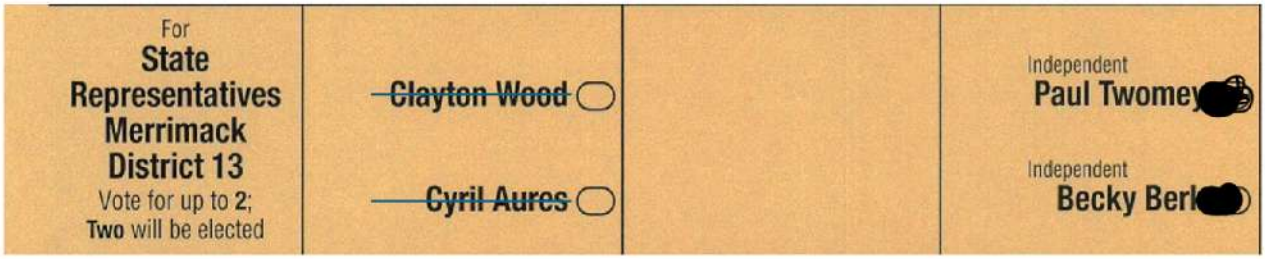
Sponsors Wanted! We are also seeking local businesses and community members interested in sponsoring this season. Sponsorships help provide equipment, uniforms, field maintenance, and opportunities for our young athletes. Your support makes a big impact on families in our community. https://share.google/ti41bTOocBdz4JDdD

For registration, coaching, or sponsorship information, please contact PYAA/PYBA at pyaa.pybaplayeragent@gmail.com



It's Time for a Change – They Didn't Get It Right

The incumbent Free Staters posing as Republicans have had their chance over the past four years. Local property taxes up, public schools struggling under hostile state policy, housing out of reach, tax cuts for the wealthy, and unacceptable public behavior.



Do What's Right

Fix the tax structure: the NH Supreme Court has ruled three times that our method of funding public education with local property taxes is unfair and unconstitutional. Commit to no earned income or general sales tax.
Cut red tape for housing, tax passive wealth, bring back civility.

Vote Becky Berk and Paul Twomey on November 3

Confused about Question 2? That's by design. Don't fall for the lie.

- **The same people who want you to vote yes on Question 2 are giving <u>your</u> public tax dollars to private schools through vouchers.**
- Question 2 is a wolf in sheep's clothing – an attempt to cripple public schools – funded by the Free State Project.
- The question is really two questions in one, and the language is deceptive. The question states, "*These caps apply only to administrative operations of the SAU central office and do not affect classroom instruction, school-based services…*" That is the lie.
- Passing Question 2 will NOT cap your property taxes since it applies ONLY to the local education tax portion of your bill.

Vote NO on Question 2

Paid for by Becky Berk for the House, PO Box 125, Pittsfield NH and
PaulTwomeyNH, PO Box 14, Pittsfield NH 03263

Traditions - Share Yours With Us



In the musical, Fiddler on the Roof, the main character, Tevye the Dairyman, focuses his attentions on his Jewish people, desperately wanting them to maintain their traditions, to cherish, preserve and continue their heritage.

With the upcoming holidays, whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah, we at the Pittsfield Post also are interested in traditions, and invite all of you to share some aspect of your holiday celebrations. We're looking for anything that personalizes your way of gathering, whether it be a family or favorite recipe, a special meal, a funny story, or a long-loved tradition, steeped in family history. We hope many of you will be willing to share a story or recipe that exemplifies how you celebrate the holidays. For those who do please submit to news@pittsfieldpost.org As a prelude, one of my favorite Thanksgivings was at my parents' house. Auntie Estelle said she'd bring the squash, and she did – a 25-pound blue hubbard just cut from the vine (anyone got an axe?). Aunt Ann said she'd bring the pie – not figuring she hadn't whipped the heavy cream, and the pie was burnt around the edges. It was a family dinner and no one cared. We were together.

Martha Moloy, Volunteer

Josiah Carpenter Library's first monthly Mahjong game night will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 6pm. This will be a meet and greet plus live play if desired. All experience levels welcome! Bring your mahjong set and/or your 2026 card if you have one. Light refreshments will be provided







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www.PittsfieldPost.org

Send us your news!
Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details are on our website. Deadline 9am on Friday.
News@Pittsfieldpost.org

Pittsfield Harvest Festival's 1st Place Chili Recipe



We hope you had a chance to try this delicious chili at Pittsfield's Harvestfest on Oct. 17, but if not, the first place winner has shared her recipe. Congratulations to Terrie Azotea for making the most delicious chili in Pittsfield!

- 6 (15.5 oz) cans of red kidney beans
- 2 (15 oz) cans of tomato sauce
- 2 (15 oz) cans of stewed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 1 (4 oz) can of green chilies
- 2 cloves fresh garlic
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Cayenne pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon chili powder add more as needed
- 2 packages mild taco seasoning
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder
- 2 green peppers
- 1 large sweet onion
- 2 lbs hamburger
- Fresh chives
- Taco sauce

1.Cook hamburger in frying pan until brown. Add peppers, onions and garlic until transparent. Set aside.

2. In a large crockpot, add all the sauces and stir. Add spices and mix well. Drain and rinse kidney beans and add to sauce. Stir well.

3. Add hamburger mixture to the crock pot and blend well.

4. Mix all together and add more spices if needed depending on how hot you like it.

5. Set crockpot to high until hot then on low for 3 to 4 hours…depends on your crockpot.

6. Serve hot. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top of your bowl. This chili is also very yummy with nacho chips or hot bread.



Enjoy! Terrie Azotea

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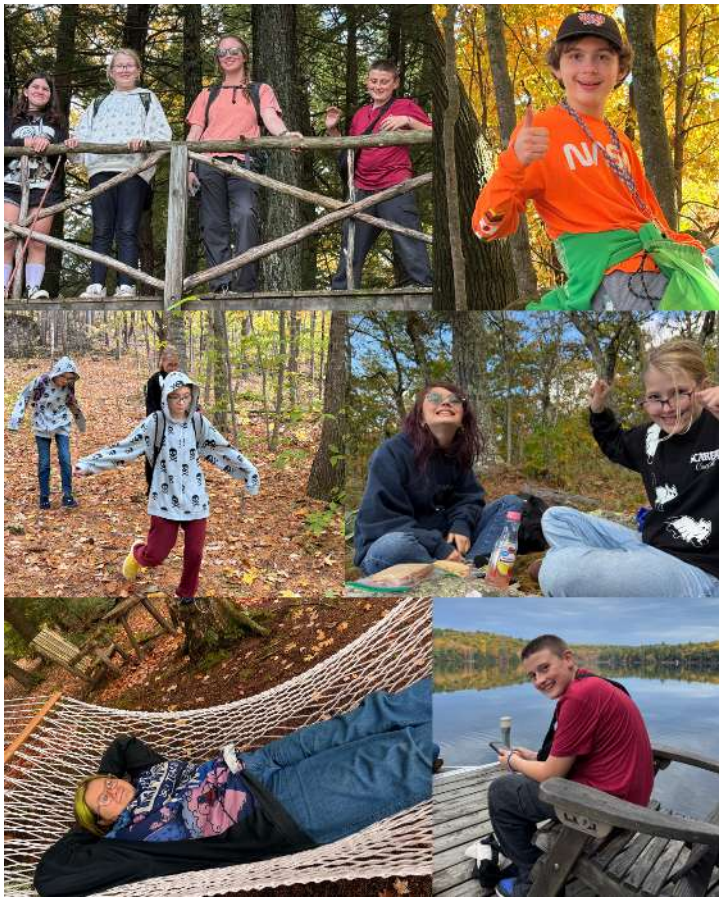
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Serving grades 6-12

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
3pm-6pm

Wed:
1pm-6pm

THE PITTSFIELD YOUTH WORKSHOP
Celebrating 40 Years!



Help us tell our story!

As we celebrate our 40th birthday, we want to hear from the people who have been part of the PYW community over the years! Whether you were an attendee, parent, volunteer, staff member, or proud supporter, we would love to hear what PYW has meant to you.

Scan the QR Code below to share your thoughts with us!

Privacy Notice: Any contact information you provide will be kept private and will not be shared with anyone outside of PYW. We will only use your contact information to follow up with you regarding your submission.

Letter to the Editor

The Pittsfield School Board Minutes (10/01/26) reported troubling statistics. First, High School enrollment declined to 194 students, down from 242 last year. They reported that "this continues a five-year trend of withdrawals outweighing new enrollments". Second,11th grade SAT results showed that 76% of students were below average in math, 58% in science, and 36% in reading/writing. So, significantly reduced student enrollment, increased annual budgets, significantly lower testing scores...am I missing something? The average State contribution to local SAUs is about 30% of the SAUs budget. In Pittsfield, that State contribution is close to 50% of the school budget ($5.9 million in 2026). According to the Independent candidates, you'd think Pittsfield doesn't even receive the average from the state. Almost half of our school budget comes from State taxes yet the Independents don't think the State should have any input. Question 2 is only 'confusing' and 'poorly-written' to those who are opposed to it. The rest of us understand and support it. Question 2 was approved by lawyers of the House, Senate, AND Governor's Office. Clearly the SAUs and school boards are against it but let's not forget that the DOE is part of the Governor's office.

Becky Berk and Paul Twomey don't acknowledge that ALL tax increases affect taxpayers. Whether it's State Tax, County Tax, Town Tax, or School Tax, ALL INCREASES result in a higher property tax bill. When Becky Berk attacks business & interest/dividends taxes, she doesn't acknowledge that NH has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country or that NH cost/public school student is one of the highest in the country. We're throwing money at the system and it's NOT working. Yet, Ms. Berk states (07/02/2026 School Board) "the Board might consider proactively identifying legislation that we would like to see introduced in the next session and find champions after the November elections to sponsor bills that we agree on". Mr. Twomey is on record stating that we can fund our kids' education on state marijuana sales.

I've been filing joint taxes from Pittsfield since 2005. For 4 years now, I've been subjected to mistruths flung my way. I do NOT own a private school, AND it's absolutely impossible for any entity to own a charter school in NH. The people propagating this nonsense are bald-faced liars. They know better yet they still float the lie. Their hope is that people will eventually believe it. Based on a letter published in last week's post (page6), the story has resonated. All lies.

I'll be voting YES on Question 2. And I'll be voting for the only two people who are looking out for ALL taxpayer rights, parental rights, school choice, 2nd amendment rights, etc. Reps Wood/Aures have kept their word for 4 years. Just look up their voting record. Vote for Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures. If you vote for the Independents/Democrats/RINOS you're guaranteed tax increases and a pathway to an income tax. That is NOT New Hampshire.

Rachel Wood

Pittsfield NH







NH Commission to study Efficiency and Structure of SAUs

Summary of the 3rd and 4th Meetings

The third and fourth meetings of the Commission focused primarily on two proposals for SAU consolidation.

Eric Pauer, president of School District Governance Association, presented a consolidation base on a consolidation from the current SAUs to the 25 consolidated SAUs of this plan. Savings were estimated using two student/admin ratios - the Nashua School ratio (38 students to 1) and the Manchester School ratio (58 students to 1). Potential annual savings were estimated at $87M and $44M respectively. Each consolidated SAU is led by a Regional Business Director, not the traditional superintendent. The director is determined by input from all participating school board member and every principal served. Each supported school is served by a SAU liaison who works for the Director. Regional services (Payroll, finance, human resources, contracting, purchasing, transportation coordination, compliance, audit support, legal, insurance and other typical SAU business will be conducted through the consolidated SAU. Special Education organization would be handled under two levels – one at the consolidated SAU and the other reporting directly to the principal. The transition would be staged with the structure established for each SAU before the functions are transferred and two formal reviews after the first year of operation and again in 3 years. Eric submitted a very formal plan with details in all areas of cost, further potential savings and advantages.

Senator Murphy presented an Incentive-Based Consolidation Proposal. This is a “carrot and stick” approach to get the SAUs to voluntarily consolidate based on funding incentives. These incentives increase as the consolidation approaches 4000 students per SAU. This seems to be the magic number for students to administration to get the ultimate savings. For SAUs that don’t consolidate, there will be a penalty in funding. Case in point, there are 36 SAUs under 500 students, 60 under 1000 and 96 under 3000! Senator Murphy asked for comments from all the members, so he could present an updated document. There was much discussion on how this could be a problem to promote to the SAU since they are basically autonomous. Will the benefits/penalties be significant enough and/or losing local control prevent voluntarily consolidating.

The final meeting was scheduled for Oct. 29 at 10am with a commitment to have a full report released for the Nov 1 deadline.

Your State Representatives, Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood



Gabriel Douglas Foundation

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. https://gda21foundation.org GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927 gda21foundation@gmail.com.

Our Appeal to Pittsfield & Chichester





Representatives Cyril Aures & Clayton Wood

In 2022, we recognized the need for genuine conservative representation for our two towns. We believed voters deserved honest representatives who would "Do what they say and say what they do" and keep constituents informed. We weren't career politicians, but citizens who believed someone had to step forward and take a stand. We did—and today, we are asking for the honor of your vote on November 3.

Our Promise Is Simple: We Work for You!

We believe New Hampshire's strength comes from its people, not bigger government, higher taxes, or more bureaucracy. We will continue to fight for responsible spending, lower taxes, parental rights, educational freedom, election integrity, and the individual liberties that make our state special.

Families deserve choices in their children's education. Taxpayers deserve accountability for every dollar government spends. Working families, seniors, and small businesses deserve relief—not another burden on their hard-earned money.

We may not agree with every voter on every issue, but we will always be honest about where we stand, explain our votes, and fight for the principles we believe are right. We believe in saying what we mean, doing what we say, and being accountable to the people we represent.

As voters, we must never forget that elections are about more than the next two years. They are about the future of our towns, our families, and our state. We want our children and grandchildren to inherit a New Hampshire where opportunity thrives, government is accountable, & freedom is protected.

Preserving the New Hampshire Way matters. It means respecting individual liberty, keeping government limited, spending public money responsibly, & protecting the independence & values that make our state a special place to live, work & raise a family.

We are proud to stand together as a team. Representative Aures & Representative Wood share a commitment to fiscal responsibility, limited government, local families, and keeping the promises we make to our constituents. We will continue to stand firm when it matters, speak plainly when it counts, & work to make a difference for Pittsfield, Chichester, & all of New Hampshire.

On November 3, we ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue serving our communities. We believe that representing the people is about standing up for our principles, listening to our constituents, and working to leave our communities and our state stronger than we found them.

Conservative Values. Tour Tax Dollars, Honest Representation. A Stronger New Hampshire. Let's keep New Hampshire the state we are proud to call home.

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Aures Wood

A RICH HISTORY BEHIND OUR GRAND OLD PARTY



The Appeal to Heaven Flag dates to 1775, when George Washington was organizing armed vessels to challenge the greatly superior British ships around New England.

Our founding father stated, any hope of success could only come with "An appeal to Heaven". The flag was flown over Washington's mere 6 ships.

The pine tree

Our Eastern White Pines were prized for shipbuilding. The British Crown's claim to the best trees led to the 1st skirmishes between the colonies & Britain. (Weare, NH)

"Appeal to Heaven"

English philosopher & theolgian John Locke, argued when a government violates people's fundamental rights & there is no effective earthly authority to provide justice, the people may appeal to a higher authority.

This flag was also a political statement about the limits of government power. It communicated three ideas that are foundational to our role as we see it at the State House:

The Gadsden Flag dates to 1775, at the beginning of our Revolution.

Christopher Gadsden, a South Carolina patriot & political leader, created it.

The rattlesnake was already a symbol associated with the American colonies. Benjamin Franklin had used the snake to represent the colonies in his famous Join, or Die political cartoon in 1754.

The words "Don't Tread on Me" expressed a warning: Americans would not quietly accept the violation of their rights and liberties.

The flag emerged during the struggle over taxation, representation, military authority, and the colonists' right to govern themselves.

Rattlesnake – strength and self-defense
Don't Tread on Me – individual liberty
Yellow Background – to warn

What does this mean?

- **A higher moral authority:** Government is not the ultimate judge of right & wrong.
- **Natural rights:** People possess rights that government should protect.
- **A last resort against injustice:** When peaceful remedies & ordinary legal processes fail, the revolutionary tradition recognized an appeal beyond the existing political system.
- **Individual liberty:** People should be free to make their own choices within the law.
- **Limited government:** Government power must have boundaries.
- **Personal responsibility:** Freedom & self-government require citizens to accept responsibility for their actions.
- **Resistance to tyranny:** Citizens have a duty to defend constitutional rights when they are threatened.

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November



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 **6:30pm** American Legion, Town Hall **6:30pm** Victory Workers 4-H mtg	**9am-11am** 3 1st Cong. Church diaper pantry **7am-7pm** General Election; Pitts. Middle School	4 **6pm** Mahjong game night at JCL	5 **6pm** ZBA mtg Town Hall **7pm** – Suncook Valley Sno-Riders Mtg.	6	7 **4pm** Doors open Rotary Penny Sale. Drawings are at **6:15** PMHS Gym
8 **1pm-4pm** Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	9 **5:30pm** PES/PTO mtg	10 **6pm-8pm** Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall **6:30pm** Parks & Rec Com mtg	11 Ma **4pm** Community Dev. Mtg **6:30pm** Library Mead and Read Book Club	12 **All Day** Planning Board mtg, Town Hall	13 **1-2pm** Granite VNA workshop at JCL "Managing Stress at any Age" **5:30-6:30 pm** Community Supper, First Congregational Church	14 **8:30 - 9:30am** Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
15	16	17	18 **9:30am** Library Trustee mtg **6pm** Friends of the Library mtg.	19 **6pm** as needed ZBA mtg Town Hall	20	21 **9am - 2pm** Craft Fair 1st Congregational Church
22	23 **6:30-7:30 pm** Soup Night,1st Congregational Church	24 **6-8pm** Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall	25 **9:30am** 4H Pie Sale at Dowboro Farm **4pm** Comm. Dev. Com. mtg, Town Hall	26 	27	28 **5-7pm** Sno-Riders Ham and Bean Supper
29	30		**Food Pantry** Mon. 11am - 2pm 4 - 6pm Thurs: 11am - 2pm (603) 435-7300	**Senior Center Hours** Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm		