

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out."

- John Wooden

MAY 18, 2022

## Saint Bernadette Relic Tour

### Our Lady of Lourdes, May 25-27

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pittsfield will be host to the reliquary of St. Bernadette, as part of a first-time US tour of the relics from this French-born girl who saw 18 Marian apparitions. She was later canonized to sainthood by Pope Pius XI, December 8, 1933.

Born Marie Bernarde Soubirous on January 7, 1844, near Lourdes, France, into a life of poverty, Bernadette experienced her first apparition at a grotto near her home, seeing a light in the shape of a girl. By the third apparition, the "Lady" speaks to Bernadette and asks that she come to the grotto daily for the next two weeks. Meanwhile the townspeople become suspicious and even threaten prison. But through ensuing meetings, the Lady reveals herself as the Immaculate Conception, Mary, the mother of Jesus. Through her persistence, the local priest is finally convinced that the Blessed Mother did appear to Bernadette. She died on April 16, 1879. Her body was exhumed on April 18, 1925, to retrieve her relics, which consist of fragments of her 5th and 6th ribs, kneecaps, muscle from the right femur, hair, and fragments from the muscle and skin. Her remains now lie in a shrine in Nevers, France.

A total of 70 miracles/cures have been recognized as performed by St. Bernadette, "resulting from the intervention of God with the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes."

The reliquary will be in Pittsfield May 25 thru May 27, en route from St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City, with the next stop of the tour in Syracuse, NY. If you are willing and

able to volunteer to be part of this exciting and honorable event, please contact Paul Morency via email at [socguitas@gmail.com](mailto:socguitas@gmail.com). Volunteers are needed for this momentous occasion. There are many jobs and different shifts for those who are willing to help, ex. Ushers in church, handlers of foot traffic, provide parking info, trash duty and handicapped assistance. An evening procession at 8 pm requires bearers for candles, incense and the Cross. Additional information and program schedule are available [www.ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org](http://www.ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org).



**Town Crier** Andrea Riel 603-435-6346  
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The "Field of Honor" is a living display of heroism flying as a patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans. This field honors all who are CURRENTLY SERVING, and those who HAVE SERVED, our community and country as policeman, fireman and military. Each flag and ribbon is \$3.00 and will fly from May 14-31 in front of the Pittsfield Police Department. All proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a graduating Pittsfield Middle High School student. To purchase a flag for someone special to you, contact: Gerard LeDuc at 603-470-6942, Mike Cabral at 603-866-1742 or Mickey Vien at 603-540-0296. Checks are payable to the American Legion Post #75 and mailed to American Legion Post #75, PO Box 11, Pittsfield

**PMHS students** are planning to hold their ever-popular Empty Bowls fundraiser featuring handmade ceramics (bowls) and dinner on Thursday, May 19, from 5-7pm in the PMHS cafeteria. All proceeds are donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. Cost - \$10- One bowl and dinner for one; \$20: Two bowls and dinner for the family.

**Pittsfield Preschool's Stay & Play** on May 20 at 9:30-11am or 12:30-2pm. Do you have a child who will be 3 years old by July 31? He or she may be eligible to attend the PES Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Sign up to have your child play in the classroom while you find out more about the preschool program. We have spots in our 3 year old class and our 4 year old class! By appointment only - Appointments are 1 hour and 30 minutes long. Call the school office to schedule an appointment 603-435-8432. \*\*SPOTS ARE CHOSEN BY A LOTTERY\*\*

**Autos for Veterans Car Show** – Sat., May 21, at 9am at the Globe Mfg parking lot, Rte 28, Pittsfield. FREE to spectators. Join us to bring more awareness and raise money for our local Veterans as we host our very first Autos For Veterans! All proceeds to benefit "Humble Grunt Work Organization - Humble House Project". Calling ALL makes, models and years of cars, motorcycles and trucks. Entry Fee- \$15. Various Judging and Voting. Music, Food, Raffles, Vendors & Crafters. For more information, contact Jennifer Prusia at [jenprusia@gmail.com](mailto:jenprusia@gmail.com) or 603-496-1274.

**What's Up at PYW?** Drop in Hours 3-6pm on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri and from 1-6pm on Wed. Come check out PYW!! Please contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at [info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](mailto:info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org) or 603-435-8272 for more information.

**Pittsfield Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** the mitigation committee will meet at 1pm on Friday May 20 at the Town Hall and via Zoom.

#### **Josiah Carpenter Library - Celebrating Pollinators**

The informative story, Henry Meets a Honey Bee, by Justin Ruger, has recently been posted as the StoryWalk® for the month of May. The queen bee will take you and Henry, the book's main character, on a tour to learn all about the life of a honey bee. Maps for the walk can be picked up from the mailbox attached to the bulletin board at Dustin's Park on Main Street. Don't forget to visit the library after you finish the story to pick up your FREE GIFT! \*\*Please note that the map has changed this month in hopes to cross the busier streets less often! Let us know how you like the new route! \*\*\*Join us for these wildflower/pollinator programs throughout the month \*\*\* Sunday, May 15- Bee education, Honey Tasting and Mead Tasting 11am-1pm at Over the Moon Farmstead, Upper City Road, Pittsfield; Thurs, May 19- Meet a couple of beekeepers at the library at 6pm; Saturday, May 21- Wildflower Seed Planting to take home. Drop in anytime from 11am-1pm at the library.

**The Annual Multi-town Yard Sale** presented by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will be happening again this year. It is open to the residents of Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Loudon, Northwood and Pittsfield. The event will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 8am to 3pm. This year's sale will be free to enter your location on our google map. Links to the map will be posted here and shared to other groups a few days before June 4. To register or for more information text or call Louis Houle at 603-848-1553.

**The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet on Wed, May 18, at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society.

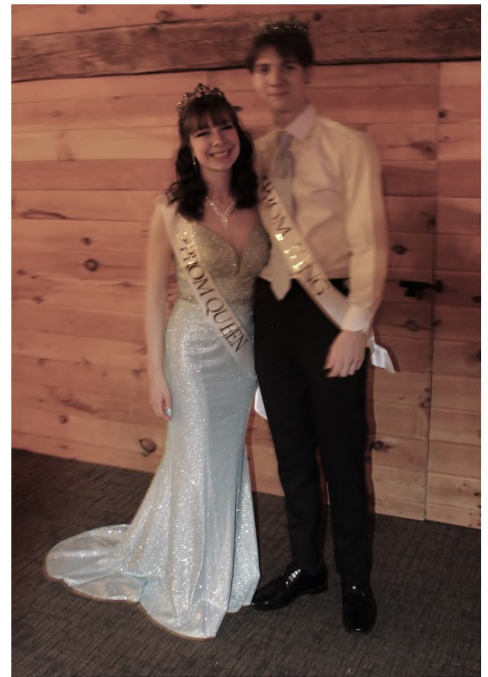
**The Suncook Valley Area Lions Club** will meet on May 24 at 6pm at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. Please enter from the back parking lot. WE NEED members – if you are interested, please come to the meeting or contact Bob Wharem at 603-848-7122.

On behalf of the **Victory Workers 4-H Club**, thank you to ALL who purchased plants. The fundraiser was very successful.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Liz Hast and to my niece, Nicole Grainger Semales, on Friday May 20 and to Cathy McHugh on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day. **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Tammy & Gary Colby on Wed and to Rich & Sarah Hillsgrove on Friday.



## Pittsfield High School Prom 2022 Dell-Lea, Chichester



### Senior Center Trip: New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band - June 16

The Pittsfield Senior Center is hosting a trip with Royal Tours to Westport, MA to see Studio Two's, New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band, at White's of Westport on Thursday, June 16. The cost is \$105 per person which includes cost of transportation, the show, and the meal. Your luncheon choices are Chicken Piccata or Baked Scrod, both served with potato, vegetable, coffee, and dessert. The pickup and drop off will be at the senior center in Pittsfield. If interested, please contact Carol at 603-485-4254. You can also stop by the center at 55 Barnstead Road and pick up the paperwork. The deadline to sign up for the trip is May 25. *Carol Schiferle*

### Do you need to Change Your Political Party Affiliation before the NH Primary?

Supervisors of the Pittsfield Checklist will be in session from 7-7:30pm on Tuesday, May 31, at the Town Hall to make corrections and register new voters. **PLEASE NOTE:** This will be the last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary Election Day on September 13. You can check your current party affiliation at this link:

<https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation>

*Supervisors of the Checklist: Roberta J. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Hast, and Ammy L. Ramsey*

## School Board Update May 5

The School Board approved the Site Council's amended dress code policy and thanked Matthew Swenson, student representative, as well as the rest of the Council for their work on this policy.

Both Mr. Wiley and Mr. Hamilton gave the Board updates on the many happenings occurring in both buildings this time of year. Of note, Mr. Wiley commended Mrs. Kathy Mahanes' work in bringing Lego Robotics to PSD. Mr. Hamilton shared about some of the great community events coming up with PMHS, including the Empty Bowls Learning Studio which will be hosting their annual fundraiser dinner on Thursday, May 19, from 5-7pm in the PMHS cafeteria.

After a great deal of deliberation, the Board has decided to wait for voters to vote in March on a candidate to fill the vacant seat. Both candidates who applied were strong, but the board felt it necessary for the citizens to make this important decision.

Please consider attending the Vision of a Learner forum this coming Saturday, May 14, from 10am-12pm in the PMHS library. Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback to District Leadership as well as the Vision of the Learner Focus Group on their work thus far in crafting a draft, assessment ideas and a graphic representation.

As always, we encourage all community members to attend our next school board meeting on Thursday, May 19, at 5:30pm in the PMHS library. *Molly Goggin*, [mgoggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org](mailto:mgoggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org) 603-387-1396

### To the Citizens of Pittsfield

I believe that it is a mistake for the School Board to decide not to fill the vacant position until March. They had two applicants, and could not make a decision. The town voted, a number of years ago, to make the School Board a 5 person board. I feel they should take the time to figure this out so that the town has appropriate representation in the running of our schools. I wonder if any decisions can be made with an even number board. I hope others will weigh in on this issue and that their decision will be reversed. What do YOU think?  
*Maryellen Plante*

### To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the House met briefly to agree (or not) on Senate amendments to House bills and set up committees of conference on those we want to either learn more or compromise between the House and Senate positions. SB 200, congressional redistricting, went to committee of conference, as expected. My committee asked for a conference on HB 230, about child care licensing; the Senate made a number of changes and we want to go over them together. We agreed to Senate requests on SB 358, which was completely rewritten to revise the administrative rules process, and SB 313, where we added a new oversight committee for the office of professional licensure, and made a number of other changes. All should be amicably resolved (I hope!)

There were very few debates; the only real one was on HB 1022, allowing pharmacists to dispense ivermectin by a standing order. The Senate had included a two-year sunset and a study commission; the debate was that ivermectin had not been proven to cure Covid. Well, no, but it has been proven to be safe to use, and if nothing else the placebo effect should be helpful. The House accepted the Senate changes, 157-148. Anyone interested can email me for my weekly newsletter, with all the details! *Representative Carol McGuire*  
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The Post Volunteers will be observing Memorial Day. The **PITTSFIELD POST** will not be published on June 1, 2022.

### Celebrate Pittsfield Middle High School Class of 2022

The June 15 *Post* will feature the graduating seniors. We welcome any and all special messages and memories for this resilient group. The paper edition will be printed in color, so we have a very early deadline of noon on **June 2**. Please email your congratulatory wishes to [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) *The Post Volunteers*

## To The Editor:

Several weeks ago the Pittsfield School Board announced its intention to appoint an individual to fill a vacant seat until the 2023 election. The Board asked Pittsfield residents to apply if they were interested and available.

Two of us responded. We came to a meeting and were interviewed by the Board. I know that each of us had some qualifications, and that they were different.

Following that, the Board asked each of us to submit written responses to a list of ten questions.

I spent several hours formulating my answers, and submitted them.

The Board met last week, but as of noon on Friday May 13 (the deadline for the *Post*) I was not told what decision the Board had made.

I have not yet received any official information about how the Board decided to deal with filling the vacancy. Neither the Board Chairman nor the School Superintendent has offered anything.

However, I learned informally that the Board was unable to make a decision and has decided to let the voters decide next March.

What a big waste of time for the two of us who provided all the stuff the Board wanted. And then not even to be told that there was no decision.

No wonder that there are so many vacant volunteer positions in the town. I won't volunteer again.

This letter is not about the fact that I didn't get appointed. It's about a School Board that could not make a simple decision, and then tell those involved that they couldn't.

This same indecisive Board is entirely in charge of how to educate our students by spending \$10 million worth of Pittsfield taxpayers' money every year. If the Board cannot decide how to fill a single vacant position, why should it be entrusted with these much more important decisions?

Pittsfield deserves better. *Bill Miskoe*



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## Select Board Review May 20

Parks & Recreation director Minnie Plante was first up with some proposed changes to the town pool operations this summer. Lack of lifeguard applicants is forcing the pool to be closed on weekends. Four of last year's people are returning, however, there have been no new applications. There's enough help to open Monday through Friday, but even then, there will be times when swimming will be at your own risk without enough lifeguards for all areas.

We reviewed the town's Financial Policy, and upon recommendation of the auditors, the required bid threshold was increased from \$2500 to \$10,000. Most towns are at that dollar amount, reflecting the increase in prices over the years.

The property tax bill warrant was approved, so you can expect your first-half 2022 bills very soon. Unless there are specific changes in your valuation, your first-half 2022 bill should be one-half of your 2021 TOTAL annual bill. Any change in your annual tax amount will be in your second-half bill in Nov. after the rate is set. Confusing? Yep. But that's how it works statewide. As a sidenote, there will be a notice with your bill that directs those struggling to pay their taxes (and that have been affected by Covid) to a government assistance program.

The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day observance Sunday, May 29, at 1pm at Dustin Park.

There will be a sale by auction of tax deeded property located at 80 Thompson Rd. on Saturday, June 4, AT THE TOWN HALL. This is a 10 ac. parcel which is LANDLOCKED. There are NO guarantees as to access or buildability of any kind.

*Carl Anderson*



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## Arlene Grace Riel March 30, 1938 – March 24, 2022

Arlene G. Riel passed away in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, following multiple illnesses. She was born in Pittsfield, the daughter of the late Victor and Irene Genest Riel.

She was known by family & friends for her fierce wit, empowerment and unwavering compassion. She was a devote Catholic, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pittsfield. She graduated from Pittsfield High School, Class of 1956. Though ahead of her time in the world of athletics, she excelled at basketball, and it gave her the drive and determination that she carried on throughout her years.

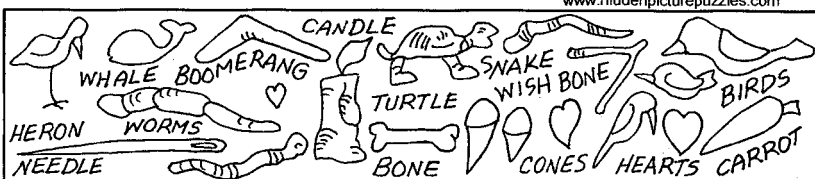
She loved ice cream, old westerns, jelly donuts, sports, hummingbirds, and the outdoors, but by far, her favorite pastime was spending time with the people she loved.

Beloved sister, aunt, and friend, Arlene is survived by her sister Patricia Gagne, Plant City, FL, caregiver and niece Rhonda Evangelista, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, special nephew John Drew, Barnstead, among innumerable other loved ones, including nieces, nephews, and their kin. She is predeceased by siblings Cleon Riel, Theresa Chagnon, Ronald Riel, Jackie Drew, Vincent Riel, James Riel and Edward Riel.

A graveside service was held at Floral Park Cemetery on May 11.



## Beetles and Tulips Hidden Pictures



## 2022 SUMMER PREVIEW RECOGNITION OF PITTSFIELD HS GRADUATES

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## Cook's Corner

### Great Marinades for Grilled Chicken Thighs

To quote my old friend Yogi (Bear that is....), "Yabba Dabba Doo"! Grilling season has arrived. I'm certain you're all thinking about cooking delicious steaks and ribs, but don't forget grilled chicken. Bone-in, skinless chicken thighs are fabulous on the grill, especially when marinated in one of these tasty sauces. Here's a tip, after grilling your bone-in chicken thighs with a good sear, finish them in the oven, they come out so tender. I also included a few ideas for sides, but use your imagination.

Marinate bone-in, skinless chicken thighs in any of these sauces for 2 to 8 hours. Remove the chicken from the marinade, letting most of the marinade drip off. Grill the chicken for 4 minutes per side, until you get a good sear. Transfer to a foil lined baking sheet or baking pan, cover lightly with foil, then finish them in a 350 degree oven for about 10 minutes. They'll be very tender. Bon appetit!  
*MP Christakos*

#### Cilantro Lime

Juice of 2 limes  
2 TBSP olive oil  
¼ cup chopped cilantro  
2 minced garlic cloves  
½ tsp ground cumin

Nice sides for this would be Spanish rice, corn and a 'Mexi Salad' (romaine or iceberg lettuce, a few spoonfuls of Pico de Gallo, a few squirts of Ranch dressing, 2 to 3 TBSP shredded Cheddar cheese and some crispy tortilla strips – salad toppers in the produce aisle)

#### Honey Dijon

¼ cup olive oil  
¼ cup soy sauce  
¼ cup whole grain Dijon mustard  
2 TBSP honey

Serve the grilled chicken with roasted mini potatoes or wild rice, steamed carrots and corn or broccoli.

#### Balsamic

½ cup balsamic vinegar  
2 TBSP honey  
2 TBSP whole grain mustard  
3 minced garlic cloves  
Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes

To round out this meal, serve the grilled chicken with cooked orzo or gnocchi with Alfredo sauce, steamed broccoli or fresh green beans, and a simple lettuce salad with sliced cherry tomatoes, a few chunks of fresh mozzarella and a good vinaigrette.



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## Relics of Saint Bernadette Schedule of Activities

### Wednesday, May 25th

8:00 AM - Holy Mass and Welcoming Ceremony

3:00 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:00 PM - Holy Rosary

8:00 PM - Candlelight Procession

### Thursday, May 26th

8:00 AM - Opening

1:00 PM - Families with Children "Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience"

3:00 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:00 PM - Holy Rosary

6:00 PM - Holy Mass

8:00 PM - Candlelight Procession

### Friday, May 27 th

8:00 AM - Opening

9:00 AM - Holy Mass

11:00 AM - "Lourdes Pilgrimage Experience"

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross with Saint Bernadette

5:00 PM - Holy Rosary

8:00 PM - Candlelight Procession

### Saturday, May 28th

7:00 am Mass Only