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"May your troubles be less, And your blessings be more, And nothing but happiness come through the door." - Irish Blessing

March 15, 2023

Chief Master Sergeant Patrick E Bailey Retires After 30 Years in the Air Force

Congratulations to Chief Master Sergeant Patrick E. Bailey, celebrating his retirement from the United States Air Force on Thursday, March 9, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. At the time of his retirement, Chief Master Sergeant Bailey was the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Patrick is the son of Stan and Sheila Bailey of Pittsfield. He was born in Brattleboro, VT, was raised in Pittsfield with his brother, Michael, and was graduated from Pittsfield Middle High School. He joined the US Air Force in July 1993. In May, Patrick and his wife, Misty, and their children, Amelie and Lucas, will move to Alaska where USAF Captain Misty Bailey is a surgical nurse at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Chief Bailey has served in a variety of aircraft maintenance assignments and leadership positions at the unit and squadron level throughout the world. He moved up through the ranks from Airman Basic to Chief Master Sergeant during his 30 years of service.

Thank you, Patrick and Misty, for your service. We are very proud of both of you. *Maryellen Plante*



Luca J. Pellegrine plays the troubled Christopher Boone in The Pittsfield Players production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* Comedy /Drama/Mystery March 23-26.

The Pittsfield Players present *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is not what it seems and everything you wouldn't expect. Christopher Boone, played by Luca J. Pellegrine, tells the story of how he solved the case of his neighbor's dog being slain with a gardening fork, while along the way finding the truth about his mother, bonding with his teacher and learning to accept that his father, faults and all, is more like Christopher than he seems.

Along for the journey are the many witnesses in the town where Christopher lives, and beyond. Friends, acquaintances and strangers alike, shape Christopher's very brave move to not only solve the curious incident but help to become more independent along the way. Christopher is a 15-year-old boy who is on the autism spectrum and rarely departs from his usual routine, but once he realizes there is more to Wellington's death than finding out who did it, he understands that the world is not as it always seemed, and he's going to have to learn to accept help if he is to survive this quest.

Curious Incident is not your typical show. Even if you think you've seen the show before, each performance is different because the script does not indicate how to perform it. There is no set design given; the **See Curious on Page 3**

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

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

The PMHS Winter Athletic Awards Night will be on Thursday, March 16, in the PMHS Gymnasium. The Middle School Girls and Varsity Girls ceremony will start at 5:30pm. The Middle School Boys, JV Boys and Varsity Boys will follow at 6:30pm.

Pittsfield Spring Athletics - Baseball and Softball - Preseason Work-Outs (Optional): Girls Softball Grades 6-12 - @ PMHS Gym on March 13 – 5-6:30pm and March 15 – 4-5:30. Boys Baseball Grades 6-12 - @ PMHS on March 13 – 6:30-8pm

The Pittsfield Senior Center is hosting a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser corned beef dinner with the fixings on Friday, March 17. There will be 2 seatings at 5pm and 6pm. Please call the Senior Center at 603-435-8482 for tickets.

Join us at Graylag Nature Preserve's Midway Cabin for an afternoon of storytelling with Rebecca Rule on Sunday, March 19, 2-3 pm (Graylag Nature Preserve 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield). This event is sponsored by NH Humanities and is free of charge. For more information, call Graylag at 603-435-5555 or email anne@graylagcabins.com

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee is planning the 2023 All Class Reunion, set for July 22. Contact Andi Grainger Riel at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if ?'s. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center or there is a Zoom meeting option. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person or helping in any other way, please contact us. The next meeting is Monday, March 20.

Girls on the Run at PES begins March 21 at Pittsfield Elementary School, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-4pm: No sessions April School Vacation week. GOTR is open to girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 (girls do not have to attend PES to participate). www.girlsontherunnh.org. ?'s contact Paulette Wolfe plwwolfe@gmail.com or 603-491-8386

The Barnstead Farmers Market is now accepting vendor applications. Any individual or business interested in becoming a donor, sponsor or volunteer can contact us through Facebook. A paid market manager position is also available. The market will be held every Saturday from 9am-1pm, from June through September. To apply, visit: <https://www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.com> or on Facebook- Barnstead Farmer's Market page. Pittsfield-based farmers and crafters are encouraged to apply.



Town Of Pittsfield Public Works - effective now, there is a six-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, Governors Road - at Tan Rd intersection to non-maintained end and Ingalls Road - at beginning. There will be special exceptions on colder mornings. Contact DPW at 603-435-6151 for updated info or to arrange for deliveries.

The Pittsfield Players are holding auditions for "Jack Of Diamonds" on Sunday, March 26, and Tuesday, March 28, at 7pm at the Scenic Theater, 6 Depot St.

Happy Birthday wishes Joe Davis on Monday, March 13. I hope you enjoyed your special day!

Climate Q

Inspired by Dan Schroth. Compiled by *Pittsfield Post* Donna Keeley.



Curious (con't from page 1) characters, for the most part, do not leave the stage and the imagery relies heavily on props, lights and your imagination. Set in modern day England, just outside London, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is a play based on the book of the same name by Mark Haddon. There is strong language, violence and adult humor. *Curious Incident*, directed by Meggin Dail and produced by Jon Martin, arrives on the Scenic stage at 6 Depot St., Pittsfield, for one weekend only, March 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30pm, and March 26 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased on The Players website www.pittsfieldplayers.org or by calling the box office at (603) 435-8853.

Director Meggin Dail is excited to bring this work to life after seeing it in Boston in 2017. She loved the story but was timid to bring it home to the Scenic due to the amount of technical strategy required. Since The Pittsfield Players has teamed up with Tech Productions, LLC alongside the tutelage of Jeff Gregoire, the confidence level to bring more such endeavors to the Scenic Stage has risen dramatically (pun intended). Can't wait to see you at the show!

Please be aware the show includes strong language and violence. *Pittsfield Players*

Join the American Legion

The American Legion Pittsfield NH local Chapter 75 is looking for new members. If you have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and were honorably discharged or you are still serving active military duty honorably, you are eligible for membership with The American Legion.

In addition to the camaraderie and continuing service to our community, the American Legion provides VA benefit assistance. Accredited American Legion service officers are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. Your membership also helps support American Legion Department Service Officers nationwide who assist veterans in preparing claims and obtaining their full military healthcare benefits through the VA.

For local Chapter 75 to remain active in the community, the post needs to expand membership. Currently our roster is slightly above the minimum criteria for remaining an active post and we need to increase our membership roster in order to continue as a local post. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com for more information.





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MAPLE MONTH OPEN SUGARHOUSE



March 11th | 10 – 3*

March 18th | 10 – 4
(NH Maple Weekend)

March 19th | 12:30 – 5

March 25th | 10 – 3*

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Cook's Corner
Irish Soda Bread
Muffins

Last week we featured Pan Boxy, this week we round out the two-part St. Patrick's Day series with Irish Soda Bread Muffins. You will love these muffins, they are delicious. Serve them with sweet butter, your favorite jam or marmalade or honey. Make a pot of your favorite brew, tea or coffee and enjoy the sweet taste of Ireland! Enjoy. *MP Christakos*

- 2 & ¼ cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 & ½ cups currants (or raisins as a 2nd choice)
- 1 & ½ to 2 tsp caraway seeds
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup plain yogurt or sour cream (do not use fat-free)



6 TBSP melted butter
 Coarse or raw sugar for topping
 Heat oven to 400. Lightly grease standard muffin tins, or line with muffin cup papers that have been sprayed with cooking spray. Whisk together flour baking powder, baking soda, salt, currants (or raisins) and caraway seeds. In a separate bowl whisk together eggs, yogurt or sour cream and melted butter. Stir the dry and wet ingredients together. As soon as everything is combined – stop stirring. But the dough will be very sticky, that's okay. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tin / paper liners. Top with sprinkled coarse or raw sugar, if desired. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the center of the muffins comes out clean and dry.

The Pittsfield Players
present

**THE CURIOUS
 INCIDENT OF THE DOG
 IN THE NIGHT-TIME**

Based on the novel by **MARK HADDON**
 Adapted by **SIMON STEPHENS**

Directed by Meggin Dail
 Produced with special arrangement by Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

March 23, 24, 25 • 7:30 PM
March 26 • 2:00 PM

Tickets: \$15 For Reservations call 603-435-8852
 May be purchased online at www.pittsfieldplayers.org via Ticketleap, or at the door.

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Volunteers Wanted

Have you been searching for an opportunity to get involved in your community and see what the youth are up to these days? Consider coming to volunteer with us here at PYW and become a positive influence on our local youth. We're recruiting volunteers to help at our drop-in center and would love to chat with you! If you think you're a good fit, stop by PYW for a tour, come and meet our staff, and see what's happening here in our drop-in center. We can't wait to meet you!

Pittsfield Historical Society Wants You!

That's what Membership is all About. Being part of a group. An organization. Membership is very important to us, the Pittsfield Historical Society. Actually, it's a priority of ours. For without our membership we are nothing. Not a concern, not a body of people, not a Society. We are nothing without our members.

And so, as 2023 gets its feet firmly planted in the new year, we are asking **YOU** to become a member of our Society. Last year at this time we were still working out of our small, but adequate and much-loved, Museum on Elm Street, as we awaited completion of construction at our new "digs."

With the heralding of the New Year has come the opportunity for a cleansing breath, a new start, a fresh renewal of our lives, our loves, our passions. The Pittsfield Historical Society is in full gear, ready and willing to get going. But we need your help. Now fully ensconced in our new museum/headquarters, we are delighting in our new surroundings, introduced to the community at our Grand Opening last July.

The Tuesday morning crew, including Bill Provencal, Gail Allard, Dave Pollard, Larry Berkson, Nancy Fogg and Martha Moly, continues to be busy at work, maintaining archives, and cataloging accessions.

We have exciting plans for 2023, including a program schedule that will offer something for everyone. Among the topics to be explored are: glass making in Pittsfield and surrounding areas; a tour and history of Graylag, once home to a basketball camp run by Celtics' legend Bob Cousy; stories of Pittsfield schools by retired teachers Jonas and Elaine Glidden; and a history of 4-H. Once again we will be sponsoring the Craft Fair at the Suncook Valley Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally in August. March 10 will see us hosting a scavenger hunt for kids and their families.

Also on the agenda is something quite new...for years the Museum has been open to the public only on special occasions and on Tuesdays, while the "crew" is in-house. **Drum roll!** The Museum now will be open on the second Sunday of each month, from 1-4 pm, so plan your visit and come see what the excitement is all about.

Next opening will be May 14 (closed for Easter). Stop in.

As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on fundraising efforts, which have been curtailed seriously during these past years of the pandemic. We rely even more heavily on the support of our members. Thanks to those who have renewed their membership and to those considering joining our ranks - to take part with us in preserving Pittsfield's 200-plus-year history. It's so worth it. *Martha Moly*

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10 AM TO 4 PM

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MARCH 19TH
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Opening this fall: Benjamin Franklin Academy Charter Public School - Loudon

We are currently accepting applications for admissions into grades 6-8 for September 2023. Spaces limited to 20-25 students per grade level to maintain small class sizes.

Benjamin Franklin Academy, a chartered public school, is dedicated to a wholesome and holistic approach to education for its students. Hands, heads and hearts are committed to the pursuit of happiness through a curriculum that encompasses challenging traditional classes, along with many hands-on, workshop-type activities and opportunities for exploration and adventure.

Among our traditional classes is the American Dream, which is a dedication to knowing and celebrating American history and culture. Many of the other activities in the school radiate from this central commitment. Other traditional classes are English, Math, Science and Spanish. Grouping is flexible and curriculum is individualized.

In a small, 7-acre country school setting, opportunities for outdoor learning and activities will abound. Our Toolbox (workshop program), Showtime (theater and arts program), and Open Roads (trips and exploration of nature programs) all have a huge hands-on component. Our Campfire program (a morning advisory) explores such values as perseverance, kindness, honesty and courage, qualities that with practice lead to achievement, self-confidence and wellbeing. Over the next five years, through projected growth of our campus and, in turn, student body, we will begin adding additional high school grade levels in our 2024-2025 academic year.

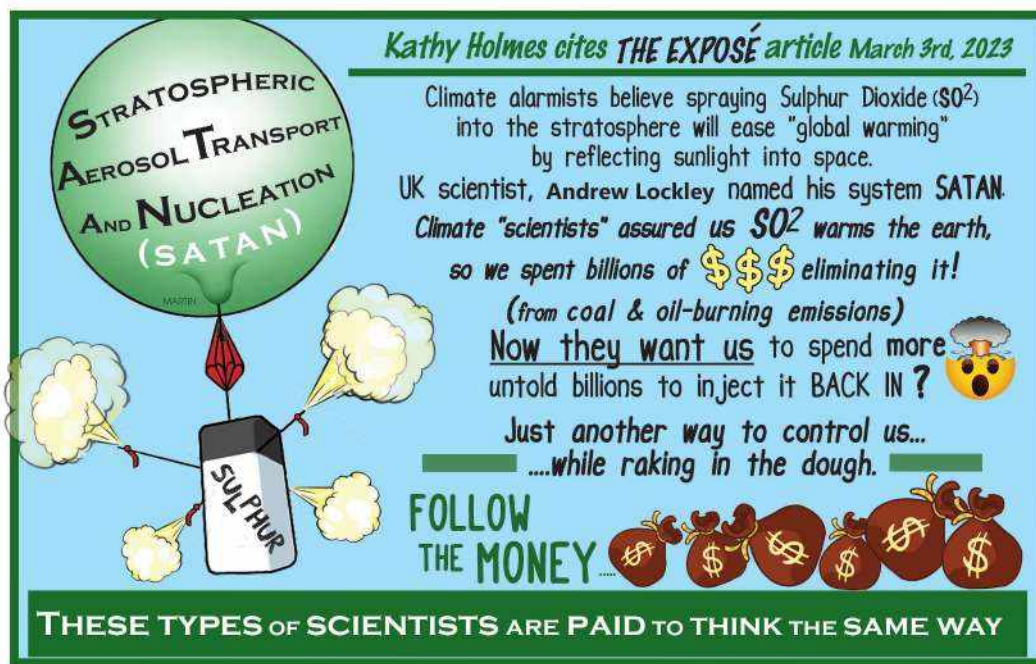
The school is open to all New Hampshire students, and we welcome the community, local officials, and the business community to be part of this adventure.

For anyone interested in further information or learning how to support or get involved with Benjamin Franklin Academy contact:

Danielle Pinkerton, Executive Assistant to Dean of School, 603-325-7688

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Benjamin Franklin Academy Information session will be held at the Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main St, Pittsfield, on Thursday, March 16, from 6-7 pm. If you are not able to make this information session please visit our website benjaminfranklin.academy for all upcoming sessions.



Here is the Expose' link -

www.expose-news.com/2023/03/03/researchers-experiment-with-system-called-satan

Graphic Opinion Submitted by Kathy Holmes



On March 9, the House of Representatives met. There were several bills on gun control. HB32 placed more constraints on gun possession in school zones. HB59 added additional background checks. HB78 repealed the state's prohibition to enforce federal overreach, and HB106 established "Red Flag" laws. All were defeated on bi-partisan votes. We thank our Democrat colleagues who voted for the 2nd Amendment.

Another hot topic in this session was the Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs). HB367 changed students' eligibility from 300% of federal poverty guidelines to 350%. This modest increase will raise the income limit by \$9000 but allow more families to participate. HB464 expanded the definition of who is eligible. Both passed on partisan votes. The EFA program has been widely successful and will continue to be promoted by the Republicans. The Democrats have continued to try to derail the freedom accounts but have been primarily unsuccessful. Cyril and I spoke with the nonprofit organization managing this program. They would love to discuss the program with Pittsfield and Chichester parents. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** (claytoncyril@claytoncyril4house.com) and we will arrange a meeting.

The third group of bills focused on rental property. HB112 regulated property sale notice. HB117 strengthened the termination of the lease. HB401 controlled notice for property renovation, HB469 forced rental owners to take vouchers, and HB567 required more notice for a prospective rent increase. Only HB117 passed. These votes were more bi-partisan since adding these constraints would only hurt the current rental property availability crisis and make it worse.

The Session was more bi-partisan, though Republicans had more Reps, many Democrats helped us "Get It Right!" It was a long and productive session.

Clayton and Cyril worked with the Merrimack County budget committee to finalize the budget on March 10. The team managed to keep the budget nearly flat at approx. 1.3% increase vs the nearly 3% originally proposed.

Sincerely, Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures



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