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A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." --

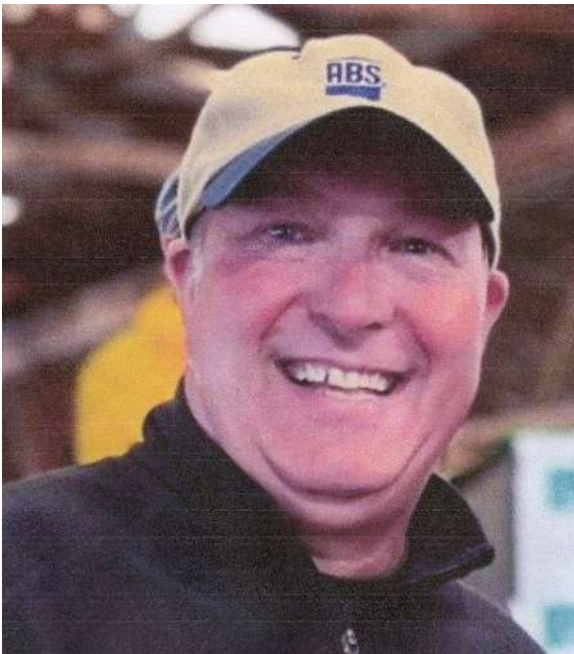
September 3, 2025

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Congratulations!

Mark Riel

2025 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year



Congratulations to Mark Riel on being selected as the 2025 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!

Mark was destined to be a selfless volunteer. He is the son of Corine Miller and the grandson of Ruth Kimball. This family constantly puts others before themselves and has been involved in many organizations and committees in town. There are born volunteers and Mark certainly falls into that category.

Mark has been an integral part of many organizations in Pittsfield - many times he has helped behind the scenes, but he is also a proven leader in the various committees on which he has served. If anyone or any group ever needs help, he is the first one to offer assistance or join in.

A few things he is involved in are:

For at least the past 20 years, Mark has been a valuable volunteer of the Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee. He has handled many of the logistical aspects of the event, from organizing the parade lineup; to contacting and securing the food vendors for the day; to all the set up and cleanup, as well as being his wife, Andi's, sounding board when she chaired the event.

Mark has been very involved in the Pittsfield Historical Society. He was on the Board of Directors, the Program Committee Chairperson and a key member of the Building and Grounds Committee for a number of years. He also volunteered many hours for the cleanup at Lyman Park.

Although he is not an official member of the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, he has assisted Joe Darrah for years with the installation of the Seasonal Banners that are hung on the telephone poles around town. He helped repair the Route 28 signs when they needed some sprucing up. He has volunteered at the Christmas Children's Store that was run by the Chamber, assisting with ALL of the set up, which was a lot and again all the cleanup. Mark has also been the one to set up and cleanup Dustin Park for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. At times he has worked with Louie Houle to decorate the tree with lights and hang the wreaths in the Park for the holidays.

Along with his wife, Mark has been extremely involved in the PHS All Class Reunions that have been held. He is always available to assist with connections to secure the food vendors and other logistical aspects of the event. **Cont'd pg 2**

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Mark regularly attends Selectboard meetings. He is one of the few people to attend and participate in town and school deliberations. He was a member of the Budget Committee for a number of years and held the position of Vice Chair. He is a member of the CIP (Capital Improvement Committee).

Mark has a unique hobby of collecting and restoring antique tractor trailer trucks. He is a member of the local antique truck club and has helped with some of their events.

Volunteering for 4-H is near and dear to Mark as his grandmother, Ruth Kimball, started the Victory Workers 4-H Club in Pittsfield and Mark has been a member and key leader volunteer for about 40 years. He assists the club with helping to organize the meetings, local events and projects for the youth. He has been the key leader for hundreds of woodworking projects for the youth and has taken the lead for the club's largest fundraiser - parking cars at our local Hot Air Balloon Rally. Mark has held a number of leadership roles in the 4-H Organization including at the County Level – board member and past officer of the Merrimack County 4-H Leaders group. He managed their largest fundraising event – The 4-H Country Kitchen at the Hopkinton Fair (which the Victory Workers 4-H club was the main source of volunteers). Mark was a member and past president of the State 4-H Foundation.

Mark is just one of those people who will take the lead if needed or he will quietly get things done behind the scenes. We are so lucky and grateful to have such a caring and wonderful person live in our Pittsfield Community.

Congratulations, Mark, on being selected as the 2025 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year and THANK YOU for all you have done and still do to help make Pittsfield a better place to live!



Join us at the Old Home Day Parade to honor and congratulate Mark!

Saturday, September 13

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Completes NHTCA/NHCTCA Program

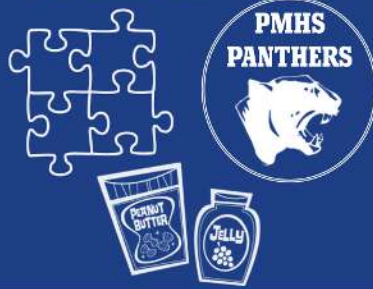
Congratulations to our NH Certified Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Greta Sarte, for graduating from the NHTCA/NHCTCA Joint Certification Program.

This intensive four- year program includes courses specifically tailored to meet the needs of NH tax collectors and city and town clerks while retaining the general education courses common to both professions. The program's mission is to promote superior human relations skills and detailed technical knowledge, creating the kind of professional image we all strive to achieve. Thank you, Greta, for your dedication to our office and your commitment to professional growth—an achievement well deserved.



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

**BETTER
TOGETHER**



Saturday, September 13, 2025

Main Street will be closed from 8am-2pm

7am- Pancake Breakfast at PYW -
10am cost by Donation
Put on by Pittsfield Youth Workshop and
Pittsfield Elementary PTO

Dustin Park

9am **St. Stephen's Church Sidewalk Café**
Joe's Famous Hot Dogs and More

Children's Crafts Station and Snacks
sponsored by Park Street Baptist Church

Lemonade Stand
sponsored by Pittsfield Parks and Rec

Vendor Craft Fair

- * Over 30 vendors, crafters businesses and non-profits
- * Kids Games sponsored by Camden Bank
- * Bubble Station, Bike Decorating
- * Face Painting Sponsored by New Hampshire Water Solutions
- * Caricature Artist Sponsored by Bell Brothers

9am **Annual Community Cook-Off:**
Better Together... Like Cookies and Milk
Sponsored by Victory Workers 4H
Public Invited- Cash Prizes for Winning
Entries - \$1 for Cookie Tasting and Voting

9-11:30 **CAR SHOW** on Main Street. All are invited to
bring their classic, vintage, hot rod car or
truck. No entry fee - cars and truck join in the
parade, too.

9-11 **BALLOON TWISTING** by JuJu Bee
Sponsored by Pittsfield Clothes Closet
On-site making FREE Balloon art for kids

9-10 **MUSIC** by Jackie Lee

9-1 **Food Trucks** Available

9-1 **Historical Society Museum Open-**
Oak Street -Stop in and check out all the
great local artifacts
10-11 Roaming **MAGICIAN** - Tricky Dick
11-12 **MUSIC** by Don Smith
11:45 **KIDS BIKE PARADE** - Decorate your bike,
scooter or wagon. Bring to Main street at
11:30 for the Parade. Prizes for top 3 winners!

Noon **Parade "Better Together"**
**Start Clark Street- Main Street- Elm Street-
Depot Street- Cross Carroll to Catamount
and end at Clark Street**
Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year, Decorated
Floats, Fire Trucks, Old Fashioned Cars, and
PMHS Homecoming Floats
Master of Ceremony- Tina Metcalf
Invocation- Jeremy Everson
National Anthem -Youth from the Pittsfield Players

The Fun Continues at Drake Field

9am Middle School Homecoming Soccer Game
3pm Till Fireworks - Rotary Food Truck
2pm Varsity Girls Homecoming Soccer Game
4pm Varsity Boys Homecoming Soccer Game
5:30pm Duck Race - sponsored by PMHS Girls
Basketball (held at boat launch at conclusion
of boys' soccer game)

Let's Keep it Going

7-8pm **Drop in Kickball Game**
Bring your own Yard Games
7pm **Nevers Band Bring** a Chair or blanket & join
us by the tennis courts
6-8 **S'mores Station** - Free
Sponsored by Danis Supermarket
Dusk **Fireworks** - Bring a chair or blanket.
Sponsored by Sanderson Trust

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Sat, Sept 13 - Don't forget about Pittsfield's Old Home Day, "Better Together"! Read on in the Post for more information.

PHS (Pittsfield High School) ALUMNI *** We need about six alumni to be on the PHS Alumni Association Float or walk beside it to hand out goodies for Pittsfield Old Home Day (Sept. 13). If you can help please contact Andi Riel at 603-451-8762.

Fri, Sept. 5 – Deadline to purchase mums from the PMHS athletics teams. The PMHS Varsity Girls and Boys Soccer teams are selling mums: 9" pots are \$12 and all proceeds go to the team. Please contact a player or coach to place your order or contact Jen Tyrell (girls coach) jtyrell@sau51.org or Logan LaRoche (boys coach) llaroche@sau51.org

Sun, Sept 7, 10am-2pm- Join us for our first casual "Car Meet" at Over The Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd. Barn menu will be available during the event.

Mon, Sept 8, 6:30pm - The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book club will meet at Over The Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

Mon, Sept 8, 7pm - The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level. We would love to see some new members-business owners at the meetings.

Mon, Sept 8, 5-7pm- Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Pittsfield Town Hall. At this session, they can register new voters and make any necessary corrections. New NH voters must bring a copy of their birth certificate or passport when they come to register.

Tues, Sept 9, 5:30pm – PMHS Drama Club – Annual open meeting in the PMHS lecture hall. Open to 6th–12th graders and parents. Come find out what we're about and what we have planned for the year.

Mon, Sept. 15, 5:30-6:30pm – Community Supper at the First Congregational Church, Main St. Cost is a donation. All are welcome. Please join us for a

delicious meal and friendly conversation.

Tues, Sept. 16, 6:30pm – Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library will meet at the Library.

The 4-H Young Entrepreneurs have been busy and have new seasonal products available at Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd. Hours are Wed-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm and Sun, 10am-4pm.

Check out **Marston Farm Corn Maze**, 384 Webster Mills Rd, Pittsfield. Open Sept. 5 - Nov. 1: Fri- 1-7pm, Sat & Sun- 10am-7pm (hours are subject to change). Cost is: Adult (13+)- \$10, Child (6-12)-\$8, Child Under 5 - Free, Senior (65+)-\$8, Military- \$8. Cash, Venmo and Credit card accepted. Please visit our website Marstonfarmnh.com for more info.

Town Budget Committee. Currently (three) 3-year terms open. If you are interested in this important part of our town's financial planning, contact the Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ted Mitchell on Sept. 2; to my awesome sister, Lisa Fries, on Sept. 11; Owen Chase on Sept. 12; Tara Cabral and Paula Martel on Sept. 16.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Belynda & Scott Littlefield and to Louie & Patty Houle on Sept. 7; Crystal & Sean Foster on Sept. 10; Robin & Joe Davis on Sept. 11; Dana & Diane Bishop on Sept. 14; Dave & Dawna Johonett on Sept. 15 and to my sister & brother-in-law, Robin & Fred Blais on Sept. 17.

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Cooks Corner--Beef Barbeque-Slow Cooker

You are going to love this one! This BBQ is so easy and super delicious. I typically make this the day before we plan to serve it, it just gets better over time. We like to serve this BBQ on brioche rolls with cole slaw and American cheese, roasted potatoes or sweet potatoes on the side and fresh pickles. This also freezes well, but be sure to add some sauce to the meat before you freeze it. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

3 to 3 & ½ lbs boneless beef chuck roast
 1 cup chopped onion
 6 cloves garlic, minced
 1 (12 oz) bottle chili sauce
 2 TBSP brown sugar, packed
 2 TBSP cider vinegar
 1 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
 1 TBSP chili powder
 ½ tsp salt
 ½ tsp black pepper

Trim excess fat from the meat, and if necessary, cut the meat to fit into a 4 or 5 quart slow cooker. Place meat, onion and garlic in the slow cooker bowl. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl and whisk to combine. Pour the sauce over the meat.

Cook on HIGH for 5 to 6 hours, or on LOW for 10 to 11 hours.

When done, remove the meat from the slow cooker and shred with two large forks. You may want to reserve some of the sauce to serve on the side, or to add to the meat. Do not pour unused sauce down the kitchen drain (it will clog your drain); dispose of it in the trash..



Can you find 14 differences?

September 9th ~ 6pm

Pittsfield Middle High School

23 Oneida Street, Pittsfield, NH

"Riveting, illuminating, and encouraging."
—Peter Gossens, *Pittsfield Post*

The Last Bake Sale



The Fight for Fair School Funding

Andru Volinsky

"...a must read for anybody who cares about education, taxes, fairness..."
—Becky Rule, *NHPRS "Our Hometown"*

"...a lively documentation of the tenacious legal battles... for how to use the law to bring about social change."
—Douglas Challenger, Professor of Sociology, Franklin Pierce University

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—Jane, Goodreads Review



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Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors?
Are you part of a community group that has big news?

News@PittsfieldPost.org by 9 a.m. Friday

Submission Guidelines: www.PittsfieldPost.org

Answers to Puzzle:

Cap Button	Pant Cuff
Cap Front	Worm
Hook	Can
Nose	Eyes
Sleeve	Eyebrow
Collar	Pocket on Pants
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