

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." — Sam Keen

July 22, 2026

## New Elevator at the Josiah Carpenter Library!

The Josiah Carpenter Library, and the Elevator Committee, would like to thank everyone who made a financial contribution, large or small, to make this project possible. A special thank you goes out to Ray Webber for his tireless work on the project."



Melissa Babcock and Paula Belliveau



Ray Webber

## Save the Date ~ Josiah Carpenter Library: 125th Anniversary!

On Wednesday, August 12, 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Park St , Melissa Babcock, Library Director, and Michaela St. George, student and former employee, will explore the history and the growth of Josiah Carpenter Library. This program is part of the festivities celebrating the Library's 125th Anniversary. Josiah Carpenter Library, dedicated during Pittsfield's first Old Home Week August 17 - 21, 1901, was a generous donation from Josiah Carpenter, a prominent businessman. This classic-designed building cost approximately \$15,000. During the dedication ceremony, the library was given to and accepted by the select men of Pittsfield.

Please join Melissa and Michaela as they guide us through the past and present of this historic institution.

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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

**Thurs, July 23 & 30, 5pm** - Graylag Nature Preserve **Learn from a Loon** Preservation Center Biologist: loon behaviors, the history of the loons on the lake, and management work being done to help NH Loon's thrive. Space is limited – registration is required. Where: **Graylag Nature Preserve**, 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield, NH. To Register: <https://graylag.org/programs/aquatic-ecology>

**Thurs, July 23, 7pm** - The Pittsfield Conservation Commission will meet at the Town Hall.

**Fri, July 24, 6-7:30pm - Joyful Dance** - The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield is sponsoring a free fun dance night, Friday, July 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Join in for music, movement and laughter! All ages are invited to move to the music – no experience is needed! Donations accepted. Please enter through the parking lot door at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office: 603 435-7471.

### Balloon Rally Activities:

**July 31, 5–7pm - Open Mic Night** at Balloon Rally Whether you're a seasoned performer or just want to share your talent, our Open Mic is the perfect opportunity to shine! Sing, play an instrument, tell a story, recite poetry, or entertain the crowd your way. Join us at the Baseball Diamond Stage on Friday night. Performers can sign up on-site. Just stop by the stage. Bring your talent, your friends, and your love of live entertainment. We can't wait to see what you'll share!

**July 31, 5–8pm - Silly Solutions Balloon Entertainment**, main Field 17 Fayette Street, Mr. Joe is coming back! Mr. Joe is a one-of-a-kind balloon entertainer for the Red Sox, Patriots and other Boston based businesses. He left an Emmy Award winning career in the local television news to pursue balloon design full time. He is now one of the best balloon artists on the east coast.

**Sat, Aug 1, 6am** - Rotary **Pancake & Egg Breakfast**, Rotary Tent.

**Sat, Aug. 1, 6am** - Sunrise/Balloon Rise **Yoga** Flow w/ Powerful YOU Yoga at the Thyng Memorial Barnstead Road.

**Sat, Aug.1, 9–11:30am – Touch A Truck** and Meet A Mascot at the Boat Launch Parking Lot

**Sat, Aug.1, 10am–9pm - Craft Fair** sponsored by the Pittsfield Historical Society at the Tennis

Courts. Come visit the Craft Booths at the Tennis Courts.

**Sat, Aug 1, 12pm** - Anything Floats Regatta at the Boat Launch. The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is hosting the Annual Anything that Floats **River Raft Race** as part of the 43rd Pittsfield Hot Air Balloon Rally Road Race. The race will begin at the Drake Field Boat Launch on Barnstead Road. The rafts must make their way out to and around a buoy in the middle of the river then race back to the boat launch. The First one to High Five the race coordinator wins! CASH Prizes will be awarded to the first three teams to finish (1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$50). Pre-registration is required. Visit the Suncook Valley Rotary Club Balloon Rally website: Anything That Floats River Raft Regatta Race – Suncook Valley Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally.

**Sun, Aug. 2, 9am - Frank H. Donovan 5K Road Race, at the Gazebo.** Register today for a great summer race! Visit the Suncook Rotary Balloon Rally website 2026 – Pittsfield Balloon Rally's Frank H. Donovan 5K – Race Roster – Registration, Marketing, Fundraising. \$100 cash prizes for the top male and top female runner! Awards in each age category. New this year - 1/4 Zip Long-sleeve Pullovers for all participants registered by July 20th! Online registration closes at noon on Thurs, July 30. Registration will also be available starting at 8:00 am the morning of the race at the gazebo on Drake Field, \$30 cash only. For info, contact Libby and Keith Kun at 603-505-1635

**Cow Chip Bingo** Suncook Valley Rotary Club Hot Air Balloon Rally at Drake Field on **Sun, Aug. 2 at 9am.** **Tickets** available NOW! \$500 winner for First Drop. Proceeds benefit the Victory Workers 4-H Club. Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. In case of inclement weather or if the cow does not "plop" within 1 hour, a winner will be drawn by Raffle ticket number. Questions: Pam Clattenburg 603-435-0772 or Melissa Babcock 603-496-3928.

**Electric Bike Raffle** sponsored by the Pittsfield Firefighter Association. Qlife Racer Fat Tire \$675 value. Tickets are \$10 each / 3 for \$20. Drawing Sun, Aug. 2. Tickets available at the July 25 Pancake Breakfast; at the Hot Air Balloon Rally or from any PFA member.



**Mon, Aug. 3, 6:30pm** - The **American Legion** Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

**Tues, Aug. 4 from 9-11am** – First Congregational Church of Pittsfield NH, the Infant Toddler **Diaper Pantry**. We appreciate donations!! 603-435-7471

**Wed, Aug. 5, 6:30pm** – The Suncook Valley **Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

**Mon-Fri, Aug. 10-14, 5-8pm** - Joy Church is having a Free Vacation **Bible School**. For registration go to <https://vbspro.events/p/5b666c>

**Pittsfield Senior Center** (55 Barnstead Rd., located in Joy Church) - [aalbers-reilly@capbm.org](mailto:aalbers-reilly@capbm.org) Special Day - **Thurs, July 23**,: "Pittsfield Youth Workshop" - Join us for our yearly **Bingo day** with the Pittsfield teens. Fun for all!

**Dowboro Farm** Home of The Victory Workers 4-H club items!, 615 Dowboro Rd. **Wed-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm** and **Sun, 10am-4pm**. Community Cookbooks are also for sale, filled with recipes from local family and friends of the Victory Workers 4-H Club, South Pittsfield Community Club and Josiah Carpenter Library are now available to purchase. The cost is \$15 cash or check (payable to Victory Workers 4-H). Pick up your copy at Dowboro Farm Store, Josiah Carpenter Library, Clark's Grain Store, or from any Victory Worker 4-H family.

**The Town of Pittsfield** is pleased to announce that regular public **meetings of the Board of Selectmen** are now livestreamed on the Town's official YouTube channel. Meetings may be viewed live and recordings are available on You Tube [https://www.youtube.com/@Pittsfield\\_NH](https://www.youtube.com/@Pittsfield_NH) livestreamed or recorded for public viewing. <https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov/board-selectmen>

**The Josiah Carpenter Library Summer Reading program** is underway. Come sign up today. We have 17 amazing gift baskets and you can earn raffle tickets for them by reading your favorite books! Stop by to learn more. We are open Mondays and Thursdays 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2.

The Josiah Carpenter Library's next **StoryWalk®** features this splashy story by Jory John about taking chances, trying new things, and leaning on your friends. Book pages are mounted in windows throughout the downtown. Tie up your walking shoes, grab your water bottle, and enjoy a stroll through our beautiful little town. Families can pick up a map from the mailbox that is

attached to the new community bulletin board at Dustin Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the book, stop in to pick up your free gift.

For more summer-fun books, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm to check out our selections.

**PYAA/PYBA – STUFF A BUS** - Help us fill a school bus with **supplies for Pittsfield students**. At Balloon Rally, July 31 & August 1 at Drake Field (Barnstead Road Entrance). Every donation earns you a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our amazing donated prizes!

**Pittsfield Old Home Day & Homecoming is September 12th this year.** The theme is "Roots & Wings- A tribute to our History and our Future". We are currently accepting registrations for the vendor/craft fair and the parade. Links for the forms can be found on the town website. <https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov/old-home-day-committee> Please contact Melissa 603-496-3928 or Adam 603-219-7284 if you have any questions.

**Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year!** Time to Nominate! Many people deserve to be honored for their commitment to Pittsfield. Only one can be selected for 2026. This award is given to recognize the worthy individual (or couple) who has made our Pittsfield Community a better place to live. Please submit (via mail) your nomination with a note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2026. Nominations must be MAILED to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations should be received by Monday, August 10, 2026.

**Happy Birthday** wishes Kelsea Davis on July 26; Morgan Kimball & Gary Chagnon on July 28; Erich Engelmann on July 30; Dianne Vaughan, Mary Thorpe, Matthew Tuttle on Aug. 2. A Special 60th Birthday wish to Allison Buttafuoco and Val Guy on Aug. 1

A Special Happy Birthday wish to my fabulous Mother-in-law, Corine Miller on July 26.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Heather & Peter Tuttle July 22 Ray & Judy Webber July 27!



## A Property Transfer Helps Balance the Books

The top issue at the most recent selectboard meeting was consideration and acceptance of the auction bid to purchase the tax deeded property at 19 Barnstead Road. This property has been in decline for many years and is a problem to the citizens of Pittsfield. However, there are details of the property's disposition that need some further explanation. Many questions developed regarding the Board's directive that potential buyers need to demolish the buildings on the site. The answer is due to recent changes in the Federally designated flood zones. This house, with doors and windows in the foundation could never be made compliant with the new Suncook River flood zone. Simply put, the Federal designation trumps anything else that the town might consider.

Other questions have arisen regarding the winning bid at the auction. It seems that many are under the misconception that the town should "run up" bidding to raise revenues for the community. To do so is against NH law. The only monies that can come to the town in these cases are the amount of the back taxes owed, plus the costs associated with conducting the auction. Anything over that is automatically returned to the previous owner. Running up the bidding only serves to benefit the person who caused the problem in the first place.

Having witnessed the auction, I can assure the community that the town got all it is entitled to and that the property went to the right new owner. In the coming months residents should be pleased with the new look of that property.

Buried in the routine business of the meeting was the sad need to accept Carole Richardson's resignation from the Old Home Day Committee. Carole is a mainstay of our community and has devoted countless hours to making life better for everyone in Pittsfield. The Old Home Day Committee will certainly miss her efforts.

J.C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard

## Graylag Challenge: Swim Across Wild Goose Pond

Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 11 AM A ¾-mile swim on Wild Goose Pond from Graylag to Camp Storer and back – a great opportunity to enjoy a quiet pond with no public access!

At Graylag Nature Preserve, our mission is to connect people with nature. Your donation helps us make Graylag -- and its cabins, property, and programs -- accessible to those who might not otherwise be able to visit, stay, or participate. We ask that each swimmer raise \$100 in pledges to participate. Swimmers will be accompanied by canoes and kayaks, and we will have a lifeguard for safety, but participants must have adequate open-water swimming experience. Graylag is a 501(c)3 NH nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible.

For more information and to register visit [www.graylag.org](http://www.graylag.org) 320 Clough Road | Pittsfield, NH 03263 | (603) 435-5555 | [info@graylagcabins.com](mailto:info@graylagcabins.com)



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## Cooks Corner -- Shrimp in Sundried Tomato Cream Sauce

While this is a great recipe for a summer meal, I have a feeling this will be a 'keeper' that you make throughout the year. This dish comes together quickly, with minimal prep work. This shrimp is lovely served over cooked pasta. In our house, we're watching our carb intake, so I serve this over zucchini and summer squash "zoodles" (you can find them at Market Basket in the produce department). Serve this with grated Parmesan cheese, lemon wedges, warm crusty bread for soaking up the sauce, and a nice salad. Mangia! *MP Christakos*

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| 1 lb raw shrimp, peeled & deveined           | ½ cup dry white wine              |
| ¼ tsp salt, divided                          | ½ cup heavy cream                 |
| ¼ tsp ground black pepper, divided           | Dash of cayenne pepper (optional) |
| ½ cup slivered, oil-packed sundried tomatoes | 2 TBSP chopped fresh parsley      |
| Plus 1 TBSP oil from the sundried tomato jar | Grated Parmesan for serving       |
| ½ cup finely chopped shallots                | Lemon slices for serving          |

Sprinkle shrimp with 1/8 tsp each of salt & pepper. Heat sundried tomato oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the shrimp, turning once, until pink and just cooked through, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Transfer the shrimp to a plate and keep warm.

Add sundried tomatoes and shallots to the pan. Cook, stirring for 1 minute. Increase heat to high, add the wine. Cook, scraping up browned bits, until liquid has reduced, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and stir in cream and remaining salt & pepper (and dash of cayenne, if using); simmer for 2 minutes.

Return shrimp to the pan and turn to coat in the sauce. Top with parsley before serving.

## Save the Date! Pancake Breakfast At The Fire Station, Saturday, July 25

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group will host a delicious pancake breakfast fund raiser on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am at the fire station.

Breakfast is free but all donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from the event will help with the Fire Association and Support Group building fund.

You can also purchase raffle tickets to win an e-bike! Pack up the kiddos and head over to the fire station for a fun and tasty breakfast!



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# AUGUST



| Sunday                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                               | Friday                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                       | <b>Senior Center Hours</b><br>Monday & Thursday<br>8am - 2pm<br>Wednesday<br>8am - 1pm                                    | <b>Food Pantry</b><br>Mon. 11am-2pm<br>4-6pm<br>Thurs. 11am-2pm<br>(603) 435-7300                                                                      |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          | <b>1</b><br>Suncook Valley<br>Rotary Balloon<br>Rally                         |
| <b>2</b><br>Suncook<br>Valley Rotary<br>Balloon Rally                                              | <b>3</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>American Legion<br>Peterson-Cram<br>Post 75 mtg.                                                         | <b>4</b><br><b>9-11am</b> 1st<br>Congregational<br>Church Diaper<br>Pantry;<br><b>7am-7pm</b><br>School Dist.<br>election | <b>5</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Suncook Valley<br>Rotary mtg.                                                                                             | <b>6</b>                                                                                               | <b>7</b><br><b>6pm</b><br>ZBA meeting                                                    | <b>8</b><br><b>8:30 - 9:30am</b><br>Joy Church Free<br>Community<br>Breakfast |
| <b>9</b><br><b>1-4 pm</b><br>Pittsfield<br>Historical<br>Society<br>Museum<br>Open                 | <b>10</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Mead & Read<br>Book Club.<br><b>7pm</b><br>Greater<br>Pittsfield<br>Chamber of<br>Commerce mtg          | <b>11</b><br><b>6pm</b><br>Select Board<br>mtg.<br><b>7pm</b><br>Parks & Rec.<br>meeting                                  | <b>12</b><br><b>9:30am</b><br>Library Trustees<br>mtg.<br><b>4pm</b> Comm.<br>Dev. meeting<br><b>6:30</b> Historical<br>Soc Program-<br>History of JCL | <b>13</b><br><b>5:30pm</b><br>PES/PTO<br>Meeting<br><b>7pm</b><br>Planning Board<br>Meeting            | <b>14</b><br><b>5:30-6:30pm</b><br>1st Congrega-<br>tional Church<br>Community<br>supper | <b>15</b>                                                                     |
| <b>16</b>                                                                                          | <b>17</b><br><b>6pm-7pm</b><br>Supervisors of<br>the checklist<br><b>7pm</b><br>Greater<br>Pittsfield Cham-<br>ber of<br>Commerce mtg | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>19</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Suncook Valley<br>Rotary mtg.                                                                                            | <b>20</b>                                                                                              | <b>21</b>                                                                                | <b>22</b>                                                                     |
| <b>23</b><br><b>1pm-3pm</b><br>125th<br>Celebration at<br>Josiah<br>Carpenter<br>Library <b>30</b> | <b>24</b><br><b>31</b>                                                                                                                | <b>25</b><br><b>6pm</b><br>Selectboard<br>mtg.,Town Hall                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><b>4pm</b><br>Community<br>Development<br>meeting                                                                                         | <b>27</b><br><b>6pm</b><br>BCEP Com.<br>meeting<br><b>7pm</b><br>Conservation<br>Commission<br>meeting | <b>28</b>                                                                                | <b>29</b>                                                                     |


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## Catamount Womenaid Celebrates \$250,000 in Local Grants

As the U.S. celebrates its 250th anniversary this year, local nonprofit Catamount Womenaid is marking a “250” milestone of its own: \$250,000 granted to neighbors in crisis over 15 years. The organization is inviting the community that made this possible to celebrate with them.

Volunteers, donors, sponsors, validators, and friends of Catamount Womenaid are warmly encouraged to attend the 250 Celebration at Blasty Bough Brewing Company in Epsom on Thursday, September 17 at 5pm. Visit [catamountwomenaid.org](http://catamountwomenaid.org) to be added to the invite list and learn more.

Catamount Womenaid operates on a trusted referral system: community validators, including welfare directors and social workers, refer individuals facing urgent financial crises, and the organization grants funds for needs such as rent, medical bills, emergency car repairs, or food. Thanks to steady community support and support from Revo Casino and Social House through the New Hampshire charitable gaming program, Catamount Womenaid has never turned down a qualified request for lack of funds.

The organization focuses primarily on six towns: Barnstead, Epsom, Deerfield, Northwood, Pittsfield, and Strafford, though its impact reaches further. When illness and a hospital stay left one local woman unable to work and facing eviction, Catamount Womenaid paid her landlord a \$2,000 grant to secure her housing. Validators in neighboring communities can also request out-of-area grants up to \$500; one recent grant covered new tires so a parent could safely get to work.

“I never thought that when I gathered a group of women to start a grassroots nonprofit, funded at first by a yard sale to cover our IRS filing fees, we’d come this far. Fifteen years later, we’re celebrating \$250,000 in aid to neighbors in need,” said Deb Horton, President and Founder.

Catamount Womenaid is led entirely by local women volunteers. Those interested in joining the board or volunteering are welcome to reach out at [catamountwomenaid@gmail.com](mailto:catamountwomenaid@gmail.com) or visit [catamountwomenaid.org](http://catamountwomenaid.org).



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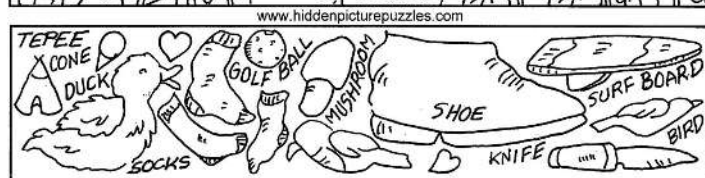
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# FUN IN THE SUN

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12 & FRIDAY AUGUST 21

**Come enjoy a free day at the town pool**

On August 12<sup>th</sup> get free admission and \$1 for treats  
For all School age children  
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On August 21<sup>st</sup> get free admission and a hot dog lunch  
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2026-27 Theme  
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## Joyful Dance

**Free & fun dance night**

**Friday, July 24**

**6 – 7:30 pm**

**All ages – no experience needed**

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## **Pittsfield Celebrates Major Community and School Facility Upgrades All at Zero Cost to Taxpayers**

You may have seen some improvements at Drake Field recently and wondered what's going on. Here's a brief update on the current status.

Among the most visible additions is the new Drake Field Pavilion. Funding has been provided by Podmore Manufacturing. The project was coordinated through the Suncook Valley Rotary Club, with crucial material contributions from local businesses. Northeast Earth donated all loam and crushed gravel, Clark's Grain Store provided the hay and grass seed, Benevento Aggregates supplied the asphalt reclaim, and Joe Darrah Enterprises donated time and equipment for excavation work.

The athletic facilities at Drake Field are also receiving a massive boost with the ground breaking of a highly anticipated new softball field. Spearheaded by Athletic Director Jason Darrah, the field construction relied heavily on community backing. The Foss Foundation funded a large portion of the fences, backstops, bases, and foul poles. Pembroke Sand and Gravel supplied the field mix, while Brad Merrill of F.L. Merrill donated his time to laser-grade the surface. Excavation and trucking duties were split between Frank Merrill of Shovelhedz Construction and Joe Darrah from Joe Darrah Enterprises.

Recent maintenance at the town playground was completed as well. The swings have been fully repaired and secured with new concrete bases donated by Michie Concrete Products, LLC. SiteOne Pembroke, NH donated fresh playground wood chips, which were installed free of charge by Joe Darrah and Joe Darrah Enterprises.

In addition, the small park on Barnstead Road was recently updated with materials donated by Benevento Aggregates and the site work provided free of charge by Joe Darrah Enterprises.

Organizers extend a special thank you to Keith Donovan for donating endless hours of hard work, and technical experience to the projects at Drake Field, as well as the Suncook Valley Rotary Club for their continued devotion to improving the town and local schools.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such generous businesses and dedicated individuals in our community," organizers said in a statement. "These projects show what we can accomplish together, and we look forward to sharing more updates soon."

