

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

In October, the trees teach us that letting go doesn't mean falling apart.

October 14, 2026

Notes from the Selectboard

The Selectboard did not meet in regular session this week. Instead, we met for the inaugural work session to prepare the 2027 municipal budget. The meeting on the 13th will be a regular session and follow a normal agenda.

As things unfolded in the run-up to this week's work session, the Board found itself having to include several business items in addition to the budget. Some things are just too critical to wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Sadly, we first had to consider and accept the resignation of Vice-Chairman Paul Colby. Paul had to step down due to some compelling personal reasons. The loss of such a dedicated and experienced public servant is profound, and its effects will be felt for a long time to come. Everyone who has worked with him wishes him the best going forward. Paul's departure is especially acute given that he has been our temporary code compliance officer in addition to his selectboard duties. Considering this, the Board is moving quickly to hire a new talent to fill the code enforcement vacancy. As a matter of law, the Selectboard must assume the administration of the zoning ordinance until the position is filled. Given the lateness of the year the Board decided not to appoint someone to fill the open seat. Instead, we would encourage anyone interested in serving to get a campaign up and running. March elections are coming up fast.

Also unanticipated was the need to discuss repairs to the 2015 all-wheel drive DPW truck. The Board directed additional research into costs and then voted to table the issue until the meeting on the 13th. In finally getting to the original business set for the evening, we heard preliminary budget presentations from the Cemetery Trustees, the Welfare Director, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Carpenter Library Trustees, and the Conservation Commission. We concluded the budget discussions with proposals for the Economic Development Committee and Memorial Day activities. These were very much preliminary discussions. Much work remains before final versions of these budgets will join all the other budgets under consideration for submission to the Budget Committee, and then on to the voters next March.

J.C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard

PMHS Receives NHIAA Sportsmanship Banner

Recently at the Annual NHIAA Meeting Executive Director Jeffrey Collins presented the Director of Athletics Jay Darrah of Pittsfield with the Division IV Runner Sportsmanship Banner. Pittsfield was one of four schools in the state of NH and the only school in division IV to be awarded with this recognition.

The NHIAA Sportsmanship Banner is a prestigious recognition awarded to a school or team for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, respect, integrity, and positive conduct throughout athletic competition. It reflects the collective actions of student-athletes, coaches, staff, and the school community in representing their school and the values of interscholastic athletics with pride and class.



Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Wed, Oct. 14, 6:30pm – The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book Club will meet at the Over The Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

Sat, Oct. 17, 12pm-3pm – HARVESTFEST, sponsored by the Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Committee and to be held at the F.B Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool) on Clark St. There will be horse drawn wagon rides, pie eating contest, BBQ (for a small fee), activities and Chili Cookoff! Donations are accepted. To enter the Chili Cookoff or if you have questions, contact Nikki St. George at 603-545-2402.

Sun, Oct. 18, 4pm – The **PYAA/PYBA** monthly meeting will be held at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level. All are welcome to attend.

Thurs, Oct. 22, 6:30pm – The Pittsfield **Circle of Home & Family** group will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level. We'd love to have some new faces at our meeting. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 603-451-8762.

Sun, Oct. 25, 11:00am –2pm – Trunk or Treat at the MAZE at the Marston **Corn Maze**, 384 Webster Mills Rd. Join us for our Kids Halloween Maze for a fun-filled day of fall festivities, costumes, candy, food, and family memories! **TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE MAZE**- Bring the kiddos in their favorite costumes and enjoy a fun Trunk or Treat experience right at the maze! **TRICK-OR-TREAT THROUGH THE MAZE**- Kids will have the chance to trick-or-treat throughout the maze as they make their way through the corn! **COME IN COSTUME & SAVE!** Anyone who comes in their Halloween costumes will receive \$1 OFF their maze admission! We'll have delicious food and drinks available, including: Marston Farm Maple Pulled Pork and Sassy Sipz. **Corn maze** will be open **10am-4pm** and **Trunk or Treat** is **11am-2pm**. Trunk sign ups: www.signupgenius.com/.../10C0B4AA4AE2DA6FDCF8...

Corn maze tickets: MarstonFarm.simplenetix.com

Mon, Oct. 26, 5pm – The **Pittsfield High School Alumni Association** will meet at the High School Media Center. All alumni are welcome- We'd love to see some new people at our meetings.

Thurs, Oct. 29, 6:30-8pm-Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce at Pittsfield Middle High School Auditorium. Candidates for the NH House of Representatives to represent Pittsfield and Chichester will be attending All residents from Pittsfield and Chichester are welcome.

Sat, Oct. 31, 7:30-10:30pm - HALLOWEEN CASINO NIGHT, sponsored by the Suncook Valley Rotary Club (age 18+ event). Join us for a grown-up night out with a little Vegas flair. Costumes are welcome, but completely optional!

CASINO GAMING- Try your luck at blackjack, roulette, craps, poker and more with professional dealers from Vertical Entertainment. Never played before? No problem! Their dealers will teach you how to play and keep the games fun for everyone.

HORS D'OEUVRES- Enjoy a selection of delicious appetizers from Dell-Lea throughout the evening. **COME IN COSTUME & GET EXTRA FUNNY MONEY!** Costumes aren't required, but there is an advantage to dressing up! Guests who arrive in costume will receive extra funny money to use at the casino. **CASH BAR**- A cash bar will be available throughout the evening with drinks available for purchase. **TICKETS**- Early Bird – \$75 per person through October 15; Regular – \$85 per person after October 15; Couples: \$140 Early Bird / \$160 Regular. Your ticket includes: Casino gaming, \$2500 Funny Money, Heavy hors d'oeuvres, Halloween fun, Entry to Door Prizes, Silent auction and Access to additional fundraising activities.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE- Want to put your business in the spotlight? We're offering a limited number of unique Casino Night sponsorship opportunities, including casino table sponsorships, our cocktail napkin sponsorship, the casino décor experience, funny money and more. These sponsorship opportunities are designed specifically for Casino Night, so we're reaching out to businesses and organizations that may not already participate in our other fundraisers.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Send us (Suncook Valley Rotary) a message for sponsorship information.

Sat, Oct. 31, During Trick or Treat – Pittsfield Youth Workshop Haunted House, Park St. Stop in....if you dare!

Deadline Sat, Oct. 31 - COAT/BOOT DRIVE! We are looking for folks who would like to adopt a Pittsfield family to donate/purchase coats and boots. That would mean, we give you the family tag# and size information and you shop for that family coats and boots. If you would like to adopt a family or donate, call or text Lori Mahar 603-490-5254 **DEADLINE** is Oct 31st. Thank you for all your donations and support over the years.

Sat, Oct. 31, 10am – 1pm – Spooktacular Crafting Extravaganza at the Josiah Carpenter Library. Join

us for a variety of spooky crafts to kick off your Halloween Fun! Craft supplies and snacks provided

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 restaurants around here? Bring it in so we can compare prices! Come write 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 November 1st so we have a shot at burying it!

Tues, Nov. 3, 7am – 7pm - The State General Election will be held on Tuesday November 3, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pittsfield Middle High School gymnasium, located at 23 Oneida St, Pittsfield NH. Absentee ballot applications for the November 3rd State Election are available at the Town Clerk's office and the town website: /www.pittsfieldnh.gov

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. Where: Parish Hall, 844 1st New Hampshire Turnpike, Northwood When: Friday, Nov. 6, 4-7pm Saturday, Nov. 7, 9am- 2pm. Come join us for our Christmas Bazaar. We have a wonderful baked goods table with our famous cookie walk. We have homemade crafts of all kinds and knitted goods and great raffle prizes. Come have a casual dinner Friday or lunch on Saturday: meatball subs, sandwiches and extraordinary chili and chowder and apple crisp for dessert.

Dowboro Farm (home of many Victory Workers 4-H club items!), 615 Dowboro Rd. Hours are: Wed – Sat from 9:30am–6:30pm and Sun from 10am-4pm.

Drop In Hours at Josiah Carpenter Library and Chichester Library to meet **Paul Twomey and Becky Berk**. We are running as Independent candidates to represent Pittsfield and Chichester in the NH House of Representatives. Come talk with us. - Ask questions, float your ideas, share your concerns. Both of us will be available at all sessions: **October 14, 5-6 pm, Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield; October 21, 5-6 pm, Chichester Library** and **October 28, 5-6 pm, Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield**.

Pittsfield Recreational Basketball registration open for Pre-K through Grade 6. Secure an early bird discount of \$5 a child by registering by October 16th <https://share.google/ti41bTOocBdz4JDdD> For registration, coaching, or sponsorship information, contact pyaa.pybaplayeragent@gmail.com

Eligible Divisions• Pre-K & Kindergarten - child must be the age of 4 by December 1st to partake in this season. • Grades 1 & 2, • Grades 3 & 4, • Grades 5 & 6-Coaches Needed! We are looking for volunteer coaches for all age groups. If you have some knowledge of the sport and would like to help teach and mentor young players, we'd love to have you join us. 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 our basketball program this season. Sponsorships help provide equipment, uniforms, field maintenance, and opportunities for our young athletes. Your support makes a direct impact on the players and families in our community.

Stay Connected with Pittsfield Town Government. There are more ways than ever to stay connected with what's happening in Pittsfield! Residents can watch Select Board and Budget Committee meetings live when available, or catch up on recordings afterward, through the Town's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@Pittsfield_NH. You can also find the meetings right from the Town website, pittsfieldnh.gov, by clicking the Online Meetings icon. Your input has been helpful as we work toward making online meetings as reliable and accessible as possible-admin@pittsfieldnh.gov.

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

Happy Birthday wishes to Zach Powers on Thurs, Oct. 15, Beth Chase on Mon, Oct. 19, to Fallon Reed on Wed, Oct. 21, to my nephew, Jackson Riel on Sun, Oct. 25, and to Heidi Knight on Tues, Oct. 27.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Rick & Beth Chase on Fri, Oct. 16, to my sister & brother-in-law, Terry & Tim Riel on Tues, Oct. 27, to Stacey & Kevin Wittenberg and Allison & Jim Buttafuoco on Wed, Oct. 28..

**Help spread the news in the
Gem of the Suncook Valley**

Please send a donation to the *Pittsfield Post*.

www.pittsfieldpost.org

Get ready for the Beast's Yummy Feast with JCL's Storywalk!

In this clever and interactive story, *Beast Feast*, by Emma Yarlett, Beast captures a young child named Dinner and sends letters to his monstrous friends—including Dinner Monster, Cyclops, and Grumpf—to invite them to a grand feast. Each friend replies with a letter detailing their favorite recipe instructions for preparing the child (e.g., adding salt, making stew, or chilling in a pie). Beast and Dinner build an unlikely friendship, leading Dinner to try to convince Beast that friends are for playing with, not for eating!

Book pages have been mounted in windows throughout the downtown area. 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's 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 hilarious books, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2 to check out our selections.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story.

If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide StoryWalk® this year, please let us know!



Password Change

Libby, Hoopla and OPAC

Please note that passwords have changed.]

To continue to use our online platforms, you will continue to use your library card number as your username. However, you will now enter your last name, in all lowercase, for your password.

Please contact your library during our business hours for assistance. (603-435-8406)



Letter to the editor 9/21/26

To the good citizens of Pittsfield.

Having spent some time at Concord Hospital after a little heart surgery, I came away with the following from my Primary Care Doctor in Epsom who diagnosed some problems.

To the medical technicians who ran me through a bunch of tests.

To my surgeon and his nurses.

To the nurses who helped me recover.

To housekeeping and especially to the kitchen staff, I am forever grateful.

It just reinforces my belief that access to Quality Health Care should be available to all.

Dan the Stone Man

Our Lady of Lourdes Centennial Anniversary!

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church located at 20 River Road is celebrating its 100 th anniversary. Originally established as a mission church of Holy Rosary Parish in Hooksett for local French Catholics in 1886, Our Lady of Lourdes became its own parish in 1926. Since its beginnings, the church has remained a small but vibrant part of the Pittsfield community. In 1956, the parish expanded to include the mission church, St. Joseph's in Northwood. Recently in collaboration of the Archdiocese of Manchester, the parish welcomed the Regina Maria Academy (RMA), a catholic K-8 school, to its Northwood location.

In honor of the parish's centennial anniversary, the parish has hosted commemorative events throughout the year. The parish began its centennial anniversary year celebration with a healing mass in February. In May, the parish hosted a picnic at Drake Field. The picnic featured the praying of a living rosary, music of faith played by parish musician, Carlos Sabina, a BBQ, as well as, a scrimmage with parish's softball team, the St. Joseph's Sluggers. The picnic was a beautiful celebration of faith and community. In honor of the centennial, dedicated parishioners beautified the church's Marian Garden.

The beautified garden was blessed on August 15th , the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the parish's pastor, Father John MacKenzie. Next month, the parish will be hosting a gala at Over the Moon Farmstead to commemorate a century of faith, family and community. To join the parish in this celebration, contact the Rectory for tickets. For more information about our parish, our organizations or to view pictures of these events, please see the parish website:

<https://ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org/>

(Parish historical information taken from: OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS by Larry Berkson) Submitted by Kelley Cox.



The Benefits of Sensory Bins for Pre-schoolers

Sensory bins for children help to engage multiple senses through hands on play.

Fine Motor Skills- Pouring, scooping, pinching with plastic tweezers, and gripping small objects gets a child's muscles in their hands stronger and ready for writing.

Cognitive Development- Sorting things by size, shape, and color builds spatial awareness and early problem-solving and math skills.

Social Skills- Usually there is more than one child at a time playing in the bin, therefore taking turns, communicating, and working together are skills which are being learned.

Language and Vocabulary- Naming objects in the bin, describing these objects to peers and caregivers, and creating dialogue for figures expands vocabulary and communication skills.

Imaginative Play- Sensory bins are open ended and encourage children to act out stories, build pretend worlds, or act out real-life scenarios.

Self Regulating- Digging, pouring, scooping are all repetitive motions which can be calming and therapeutic causing a child to relax.



Editorial

Paul Twomey and Becky Berk are running as independents in the upcoming election on November 3rd, to represent the towns of Chichester and Pittsfield . I strongly recommend you support them. They are challenging the current representatives Cyril Aures and Clayton Woods who have not represented our interest well. I believe that public school funds belong to public schools and should not be given to private, charter, or religious schools. Our communities have been struggling with higher taxes, because of the policies supported by these incumbent representatives. It is time to make a positive change and elect individuals who support the separation of church and state, and keep political interests out of our doctors offices, while allowing truth in history, education, and government. I am tired of the lack of concern for the working families, unfair wages and lack of health coverage, while they have an unwavering support of profits for businesses. As residents, we must support our communities to ensure safety, health, and stability of all our residents. No one is for raising taxes, but Aures and Woods are against business funding their fair share, while using our resources, and we are often left with the clean up costs after they abandon us. They also stand against workers earning a fair living wage. We need to change this course of action. There are important issues that are coming up and we need civic minded individuals to make decisions that support us.

Becky Berk and Paul Twomey support public education, a fair living wage, keeping politics out of medical and family decisions. They are looking to find ways of making housing more affordable and accessible. As well as providing opportunities for the state to earn profits that could offset property taxes, and allow individuals to make economical choices for our community, and even profits on clean energy. Why should only the dirty energy sources turn a profit. Government is supposed to be for the people, by the people, yet we are seeing more rights/freedoms taken from the people. We need to protect our children, especially those at risk, but the current representatives support cutting many of the safe guards in place. Ideas of open enrollment, educational freedom accounts, or closing our schools does not make us more independent, but dependent on those dictating, often limiting the opportunities of our children and our voice.

I have seen many towns that adopted the idea of a tax cap, only to find what was expected to help was actually more harmful and often unfair in practice. Do not give up these controls. Support Becky Berk and Paul Twomey to ensure fair representation, truth in politics, and support of our ever changing and growing communities. Becky Berk and Paul Twomey are vested, accessible, and eager to listen to you.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca Sims
Pittsfield NH
October 2nd, 2026

Editorial

I strongly support both Independent NH state representative candidates from Chichester and Pittsfield, Paul Twomey and Becky Berk. Paul and Becky would work for us the people, not for a party. The two-party system is broken right now. We need to work together in the NH House to lower property taxes and fund public education fairly. Housing is a huge issue with too much red tape to expand it, driving up the price for working families. Children and families are our future. We need to listen to their stated needs. We value that NH doesn't have an earned income tax and a general tax on goods. If cannabis were to become legal for adults, it should be regulated and taxed. Responsible gun ownership must be safeguarded.

Thank you Becky and Paul for running for the NH House. You both have the qualities and experience to make a difference as you work for us. Your steady, well-informed leadership is what we need right now.

Karen Lesmerises, Chichester

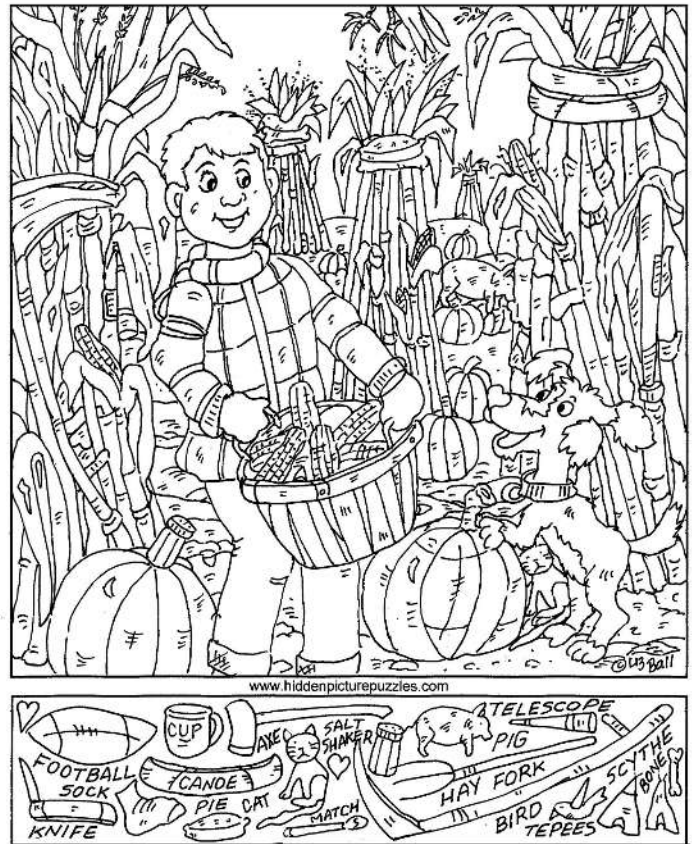
Oh dear, what can the matter be?
 Our State Reps are such a catastrophe.
 We suffer all week, from Sunday to Saturday.
 They're giving us cause for despair.

What they do at the State House, is really a bummer.
 Clayton is wrong, and Cy is just dumber.
 Their ideas are all wet. Time to call for a plumber.
 We've got to get rid of this pair.

But now there is hope. Hope for us all.
 Two Independents named Becky and Paul.
 With knowledge and savvy, they really stand tall.
 And will bring some much needed fresh air.

So when you vote in the coming election
 Becky Berk and Paul Twomey should be your selection.
 They'll act with no need for correction.
 Because they really do care.

Bill Miskoe



Beware the Simple "Solution"

New Hampshire residents strongly oppose an earned income or general sales tax. Yet the legislature has boxed our state into a corner by repeatedly cutting or eliminating other revenue sources such as business taxes and the tax on interest and dividends. With over one-third of our budget funded by the federal government, New Hampshire faces a major shock in January 2027 when federal cuts take effect under the "One Big Beautiful Bill." Without a diversified revenue stream, these cuts will inevitably fall on local property taxpayers - our property taxes already remain stubbornly high as legislators in Concord have downshifted state costs to local communities.

Rather than fixing the root cause, the legislature's answer to unsustainable property taxes in rural towns is promoting Question 2: a local spending cap on school districts and SAUs. This isn't a fix; it's a doctor putting a bandage on a massive wound and declaring the patient healed. That doctor would be sued for malpractice.

Consider Pittsfield. We now contract with the Concord School District for SAU administrative services, giving us top-tier leadership while keeping administration under 6% of our budget. (I do agree there are too many small and stand-alone SAUs in the state.) In Pittsfield, voting "Yes" on Question 2 won't trim administrative waste—it will force cuts directly to student education and classroom teachers, already among the lowest paid in the state. Making matters worse, the legislature recently passed 52 new mandates on public schools while siphoning away public funding, and accountability, for non-public options. To cover its own revenue deficits, the state also tacked on 125 new or increased fees, mostly on vehicle registrations.

It's time to stop nickel-and-diming our way through fiscal policy and face the real elephant in the room: using local property taxes as the primary engine for state education funding is unfair, unsustainable, and broken. Slashing state revenues and blaming local school boards will not solve this crisis. We don't need Band-Aids. We need leaders willing to address the real impact of state and federal decisions on local property taxes and build a serious plan for the future.

Becky Berk

Independent candidate for State Representative (Pittsfield and Chichester)

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER BALLOT QUESTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX/SAU BUDGET LIMITATION
(HB1300)

October 27, 2026, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Pittsfield Middle High School

SUBJECT, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE

The purpose and subject of the public hearing is to provide voters and members of the public with information regarding the ballot question and how a yes or no vote may impact the process for adopting the school district and SAU central office administrative budgets, and to provide an opportunity for members of the public to discuss, ask questions and offer comments concerning the ballot question.

No official statements or actions will be taken by the Board at the hearing. The decision whether to adopt the limitations provided by RSA 32:5-i will be made by the voters at the November 3 general election. Adoption requires a three-fifths majority vote.

The hearing will concern only the subject matter in the notice heading above, and those matters which may directly relate to that subject.

The school district local tax cap and school administrative unit fixed cap question on the ballot for towns and wards with an annual school district meeting shall read:

“Shall Pittsfield limit property tax growth for the SAU#51 Pittsfield School District under RSA 32:5-i? If adopted for a two-year period: (1) the local property tax levy may not grow beyond the prior year’s amount, adjusted for inflation and new construction; (2) SAU central office spending may not exceed 6 percent of total school district appropriations; and (3) bonded capital costs are excluded from both limits. These caps apply only to administrative operations of the SAU central office and do not affect classroom instruction, school-based services, or other municipal expenditures. These limits may be overridden as provided in RSA 32:5-i. Adoption requires a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote.”

School Board Update

The School Board meeting on October 1 was chock full of information, decisions and updates. Rather than attempt a summary that may leave out information of interest to some readers, I would encourage people to read the draft minutes at <https://bit.ly/SBOct1>. Agendas, minutes and other information are always available at <https://www.sau51.org> under School Board.

Please note that a public hearing on Question 2 (tax cap on school district and SAU spending) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 pm at PMHS. This is informational only - by state law Question 2 must appear on the ballot as written, so no changes or amendments can be made. The law does allow one public hearing prior to the vote to assist voters in understanding Question 2.

Becky Berk, Pittsfield School Board





Cooks Corner -- Pork Loin with Apples and Creamy Gravy

Here's another tasty addition to our apple recipe series. This one is a delicious, savory roast. With food prices rising so high and fast, I have found pork loin to still be one of the most affordable roasts you can find. I use Calvados when I make this, but you can certainly use brandy, hard apple cider or regular apple cider. Be sure to hit up Leavitt's Cider Mill here in town for all your cider needs! Nice sides for this are mashed potatoes, acorn or butternut squash, or even bread stuffing. Bon appetit!

- 1 (3 to 3 & ½ lb) boneless pork loin
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 TBSP olive oil
- 3 large shallots, peeled & halved lengthwise through the root end
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled and left whole
- 1 (5 inch) sprig fresh rosemary OR 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 2 large Granny Smith apples (DO NOT PEEL), cored, halved & quartered
- ½ cup brandy, hard apple cider, apple juice or Calvados
- 1 & ½ cups heavy cream

Heat oven to 400. Season roast all over with salt & pepper. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until it shimmers. Add the pork, fat side down and sear, without moving it, for 3 minutes to allow a golden crust to form. Turn with tongs and cook on the second side until browned, 3 more minutes. Turn off heat and transfer roast to a plate.

Add shallots, garlic and rosemary to the Dutch oven and place the roast on top. Cover with the lid and transfer to the oven and roast for 25 minutes.

Nestle the apples, skin side down, in the Dutch oven and roast, UNCOVERED, for 30 minutes or until roast registers 135 degrees. Start checking the temperature of the roast after 20 minutes.

Let roast rest in a large platter, covered loosely with foil and set aside. Carefully transfer the apples and shallots to a serving platter with a slotted spoon, cover and set aside. Discard rosemary sprig, but leave any leaves that may have fallen. Leave the garlic cloves in the pan.

Add the brandy to the Dutch oven and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits and cook for 3 minutes until liquid is reduced by half. Add the cream and simmer over medium-high heat for 4 minutes. Season the gravy with salt & pepper and keep warm.

Cut the roast and stir any accumulated juice into the gravy. Serve the pork with the apples, shallots and gravy.

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Old Home Day and Homecoming Thank You Pittsfield!!!

The Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee would like to thank everyone who came out for our 2026 Old Home Day and Homecoming celebration. It was a full day of fun and community, starting with a special breakfast offered by the Friendly Diner, then activities in Dustin Park and ending in Drake field with a great parade in between! In Dustin Park we had St. Stephens and Park street church offering delicious baked goods and food and 4H hosting their annual cookoff. We also had caricatures by Sara Pecorino and balloon animals by Juju-bee the clown. Granite Image took care of printing all our posters and schedules!

We would like to thank our generous sponsors without whom this day couldn't happen. We thank Globe Community Fund, H.A. Marston, the Clothes Closet, Danis Supermarket, Bell Brothers, and NH Water Solutions. It was a pleasure to join forces with Homecoming again this year. Thank you Jay Darrah and PMHS Athletics for working with us to make this a success. Seeing all the students and their creative floats is a highlight of the day! Thank you Jay Darrah for blocking out the parade and taking care of the preparations. Thanks Scott Aubertin for driving the Hollis Band! Thank you to Roger Metcalf and Jeffrey Flanders for lining up the parade, we appreciate you!

Shout out to the parade winners: In our youth category we had Josiah Carpenter library in 1st, PYW in 2nd, and Victory Workers 4-H in 3rd. In our open category we had H.A Marston in 1st, PMHS Alumni Association in 2nd, and Daughters of the American Revolution in 3rd. In the homecoming section we had the Sophomores in 1st, the Middle School in 2nd, and the Juniors in 3rd. Congrats to all!

Having Tina Metcalf and Mark Riel co-emcee this year was a great addition!! And Sarah Manter, we loved hearing you sing our national anthem. Thank you also to Very Revered Father John MacKenzie from Our Lady of Lourdes who blessed us with his invocation.

Thank you to Stan Bailey Citizen of the Year and your chauffeur Sandi Adams. Stan, it was a well deserved honor and it was great hearing about all your contributions to our town. Thank you Stan!

The car show was also a big success filling Main Street with everyone's dream cars!! Thank you Darrah and crew for making the car show run smoothly.

We would also like to thank Pittsfield Parks and Rec and Lori Chateaufneuf for supporting our games booth, and The Massicotte family and Bishop family for supporting our "decorate your bike" table. The bike parade was such a big hit this year. Everyone who came out decorated and ready to ride looked so awesome! You definitely made it hard on our judges Mrs. Preston, Mr. G, and Kristen Everson. And thank you to Appleview Orchards for providing the delicious ice cream prizes to our winners!

Down at Drake Field we had some great vendors with PYAA/PYBA serving up some snacks and PTO providing all the glow up items you could ever want! We all hung around after the exciting soccer games and listened to the music of the Nevers Band. Free S'mores from Danis was another huge hit. Shout out to Oliver Koladish for running deliveries all around the field! We wrapped up with the fireworks show before we all headed home.

Thank you Pittsfield for another great celebration. Please reach out to our email pittsfieldoldhomeday@pittsfieldnh.gov or join us as one of our meetings with any questions, comments, or feedback. We would love to hear from you!

Gratefully,

2026 Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee

Pictures from Old Home Day!

Thank You!



Look around town
and see the
goodness.....



Americorps Senior Companion Program

The NH Senior Companion program matches 55+ companions with 55+ homebound seniors. We provide companionship/activities, transportation into the community, and respite for caregivers. Free in-home support and companionship through a federally funded program. Participants pay only 37¢ per mile for transportation services. We are a statewide program, and we are currently looking for new companions and referrals for clients. Please call Paula Roby-Palmer at 603-225-3295 ext, 1114 for additional information

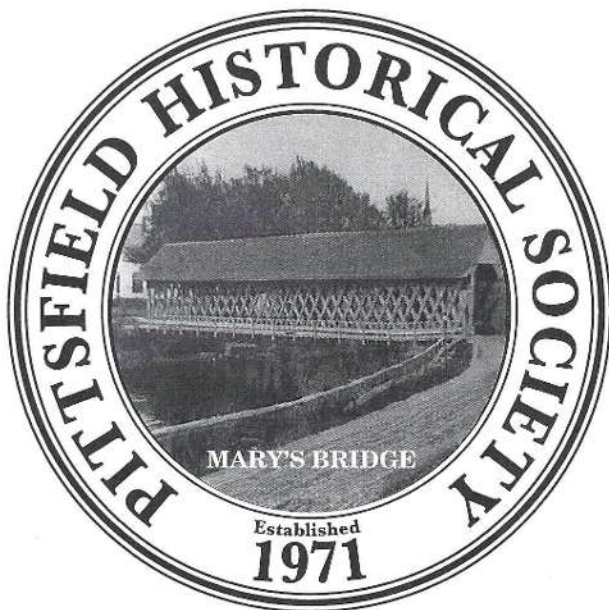
Thank You, Wardell and Harper!

Dave Harper, Historical Society board member and General Manager with Wardell and Harper, offered to replace the kiosk roof in Lyman Park. A volunteer team from Wardell and Harper stood ready to donate their time and expertise to replace the canopy roof, originally installed in 2000, which was beginning to rot away and needed attention. It was a sizable job: they would remove the old cedar shakes, repair the underlayment as needed, replace the cedar shakes and the cap, and finish with painting. They completed the entire project in three days—well, except the painting. Mother Nature was being obstreperous.

Frank Lyman Park, on Carroll Street, has lovely flower gardens and is the starting point of the Historic Trail through Pittsfield. Formally dedicated on July 15, 2000, the kiosk, with an engraved outline of the trail, shows the thirty-five locations offering permanent signs with historic information about the town. The canopy over the kiosk is a replica of the starter's stand roof that once stood at the old Pittsfield Fairgrounds. For those unfamiliar with the fairgrounds, they were located in the area of Dunkin' Donuts on Route 28.

Many thanks to the Wardell and Harper team of Jeremy Everson, Landon Restrepo, Jed Pinckney, Mark Schuster and Dave Harper for their excellent work and generosity.

Please stop by to view this Pittsfield gem and consider taking a leisurely walk along the trail. Maps are available at the kiosk or the Historical Society museum.



RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE TO VISIT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH IN PITTSFIELD DURING PARISH'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

Historic October 28–29 pilgrimage will unite the parish's 100th anniversary celebration with the message of prayer, healing and hope entrusted to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes

PITTSFIELD, New Hampshire — Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pittsfield will welcome the relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous on Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29, 2026, as part of the 2026–2027 St. Bernadette Relics Tour – “Journey of Grace”.

The visit will hold special significance for the parish as it celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026, marking a century of faith, family and service to the Pittsfield community.

The relics will travel from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France as part of a national pilgrimage to Catholic churches, cathedrals, shrines, universities, seminaries, schools, hospitals and other faith communities throughout the United States.

During the Pittsfield visit, pilgrims will be invited to encounter the message of Lourdes through prayer, public veneration of the relics, Eucharistic celebrations and other devotional opportunities. A detailed schedule of Masses, veneration hours and special events will be announced by the parish.

“This visit is an extraordinary blessing for Our Lady of Lourdes Church during our centennial year,” said Father John B. MacKenzie, pastor. “As we give thanks for 100 years of faith in Pittsfield, the presence of Saint Bernadette’s relics will unite our parish’s history with the place and spiritual message for which our church is named.”

A century of faith in Pittsfield

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is celebrating its centennial under the theme “A Century of Faith, Family, and Community.” For generations, parishioners have gathered in Pittsfield to receive the sacraments, pray together and serve their neighbors under the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The visit of Saint Bernadette’s relics will be among the most significant events of the parish’s anniversary year, connecting the local community directly with the Sanctuary of Lourdes and its universal mission of prayer, welcome, compassion and service to the sick.



**St. Bernadette**
USA

For St Bernadette's Relic Visit

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

20 River Rd., Pittsfield, NH

October 28, 3PM-8PM Mass @ 6pm.

October 29th 9AM- 8PM.

Mass 9am & Vigil Mass 6pm

Nightly Procession begins at 8PM

We want to create a welcoming, hospitable and safe environment for all those who are on pilgrimage to our church.

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Post-It in the Post

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work!

Deadline is 9 a.m. Friday.

Email: News@PittsfieldPost.org

Info: www.PittsfieldPost.org

How Question 2 offers the solution taxpayers have been asking for.

The school portion of the property-tax bill is one of the biggest pressures on homeowners and taxpayers. Cyril and I voted for HB 1300 to support local control by the voters. Question 2 is fundamentally about giving taxpayers that choice and each town makes its own choice – the essence of local control! It does not automatically cut a school budget, and it doesn't prevent a community from spending more when there is a legitimate need. Under the law, the cap allows adjustments for inflation and new construction with an override process. Decided by the voters of each town and requires a 3/5 vote – a high bar.

Another important distinction is that this vote is being put before the broader November electorate. November elections generally bring substantially more voters to the polls than school-district elections. We specifically recognized that the November election can give more citizens an opportunity to participate in this decision. We don't believe taxpayers should have their taxes assigned by 5% of the townspeople.

If the voters believe the tax cap is wrong for their community, they can vote against it. If they believe property-tax growth needs more discipline, they can vote for it. If circumstances later require additional spending, there is an opportunity to override the limitation. That's what representative government and local control should look like: don't make the decision for the taxpayers—give the taxpayers the information, give them the choice, and respect their vote.

The second part of Question 2 addresses a 6% SAU Fixed cap. This is a ridiculously high limit that NH has already reached! Unfortunately, NH is already #1. If 3/5 of voters adopt it, Question 2 caps SAU central-office spending at 6% of district appropriations. By our estimate 41 of the 108 SAUs spending rises above 6%!

Question 2 isn't anti-school or anti-education; it's pro-taxpayer and pro-accountability. We should expect elected officials and administrators to be accountable for how much they ask property owners to pay.

Let the Voters decide!

Pittsfield Nov 3

Ballot:<https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2052/2026-General-Election-Sample-Ballot?>

Your State Representatives, Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood



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Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$4.00 for a brief classified ad.
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www.PittsfieldPost.org



The second meeting of the NH Commission to study Efficiency and Structure of SAUs was on October 6. The first order of business was getting testimony from 3 invited speakers.

First up was Rep. Dan McGuire president of Granite State Taxpayer. He was accompanied by Ann Marie Banfield as his guest. It was made clear that according to Census Records of 2024, NH spends the most for SAU operation and School Administrative services. For the last 20 years, we have grown with “experts” by 134% while student’s enrollment is at 5% and teachers are at 10%. All data showed rising school cost with declining results. The law places most of the responsibility that raise cost in the hands of the Superintendent with no value to the student. To make matters worse, the superintendent has no responsibility to the taxpayer!

Ann Mari Banfield presented a different level of concerns. How much of the growing school budget is reaching the classroom with expanding layers of administrators, coordinators, specialists and programs? She also confirmed that administrator growth has now become a significant driver to the cost. More about experts being hired like Curriculum Coordinators without any significant improvements to the education. And the Superintendent is only the beginning as their broadening footprint of added staff continues to expand. Where it ends? That’s the mission of the Commission!

Alex Isley of Reaching Higher NH discussed the differences between cooperative SAUs serving multiple districts and single-district SAUs. Cooperative SAUs can spread administrative costs across multiple schools and districts, potentially reducing the cost per student. Single-district SAUs may face higher administrative costs because fewer students share the expense of maintaining separate administrative functions. Her presentation raised questions about whether shared services and regional cooperation could reduce duplication without compromising educational quality. The central issue is whether school administrative structures are organized efficiently to maximize the resources reaching students and classrooms. That is the comparison taxpayers deserve to see.

Finally, Mark Manganiello of the New Hampshire Department of Education reviewed school enrollment trends, building capacities, and distances between schools. He highlighted fixed costs per student as an important factor in understanding the financial pressures facing school districts. With student enrollment projected to continue to drop, districts may struggle to reduce per-student costs because many expenses remain even when enrollment does not grow. He indicated that the lack of projected enrollment growth is a bigger factor in these financial challenges than student attrition attributed to school choice. His presentation emphasized the need to consider enrollment projections, facility capacity, and fixed costs when evaluating school budgets and long-term planning.

The Commission seems focused on an early report from January 27, 1993, with recommendations for action as well as a requested study of corrective action implemented across states to simplify school admin structure. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 2:00 in State House Room 100. The public is welcome to attend.

Your State Representatives, Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood.

Meet the Candidates Night

On Thursday October 29 at 6:30-8 pm, there will be a **Meet the Candidates Night** hosted by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce at Pittsfield Middle High School Auditorium. Candidates for the NH House of Representatives to represent Pittsfield and Chichester will be attending. All residents from Pittsfield and Chichester are welcome!

THE GRANITE GUARANTEE SEVEN PROMISES IN WRITING.

- 1 BAN AN INCOME TAX - FOREVER
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Taxpayers deserve careful stewardship of every dollar government collects. We support examining government spending, reducing unnecessary costs, & pursuing policies that allow families, workers, retirees, & businesses to keep more of what they earn.



New Hampshire's economy depends on entrepreneurs, small businesses, manufacturers, farmers, tradespeople, & workers. We support a business climate that encourages investment, employment, innovation, & opportunity while maintaining our tradition of fiscal responsibility.

VOTE REPUBLICAN

New Hampshire has a long tradition of individual liberty & limited government. We support protecting the rights guaranteed by BOTH Constitutions & carefully considering the impact of new laws on individual freedom.

Confidence in elections depends on accurate records, transparent procedures, & secure administration. We support reasonable safeguards that protect the integrity of New Hampshire elections while preserving the constitutional right of eligible citizens to vote.

Parents have the primary responsibility for raising & guiding their children. We support transparency between schools & families & policies that recognize parents' role in important decisions affecting their children.

CYRIL AURES CLAYTON WOOD FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

VOTE REPUBLICAN - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3



We support greater transparency & accountability in government spending & efforts to give communities more tools to manage the costs of local government & education.

We support educational opportunity, parental involvement, school choice, & accountability for the effective use of education dollars. New Hampshire's students deserve access to an education that prepares them for college, careers, trades, & responsible citizenship.

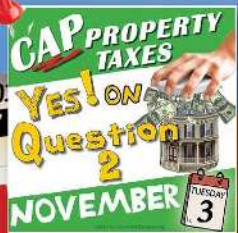
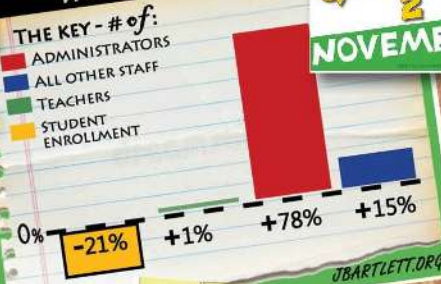
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Government should be transparent, responsible, and accountable to the people who fund it. We support open government, responsible budgeting, appropriate oversight, and making sure public dollars are spent for their intended purpose.

The Public School Record 200 "What has changed?"

THE KEY - # of:

- ADMINISTRATORS
- ALL OTHER STAFF
- TEACHERS
- STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Commission Meeting

Quotes from the Commission tasked with capping the SAU drain on the towns people. The simplest way to fix this is to change 1 word, from "The ~~superintendent~~ shall" to "The **School Board** shall" "We're not the Mafia - If a school wants to get out from an SAU, it's up to them." "Testimony- "My 1 district has 3 program coordinators!"