

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic" - Carl Sagan

September 25, 2024

Pittsfield Elementary Launches New Reading Curriculum

The educators at Pittsfield Elementary are enthusiastically launching the new reading curriculum HMH Into Reading. Kristen White became principal in 2023 and during her first year she led an exploration of six possible reading curriculum packages. Two were selected for a two-month examination by the full teaching staff, the teachers then voted for their selection. HMH was overwhelmingly chosen; teachers were especially impressed with the curriculum's ability to develop a student's love of reading through engaging reading materials.

HMH Into Reading uses time proven strategies to establish effective instruction for reading, verbal communication and writing. The curriculum includes sections for word-work (phonics and vocabulary), reading and writing. Use of a common curriculum throughout the school will support student learning methods that can be tailored to each student's skill and ability.

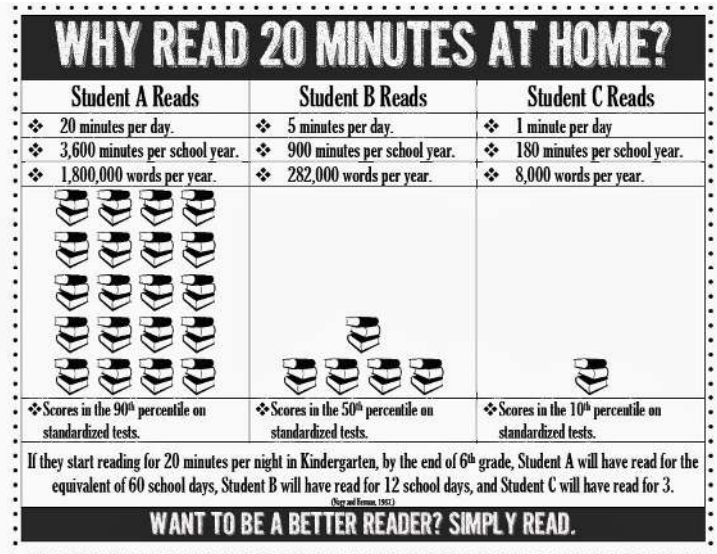
In preparation for launching HMH, Pittsfield Elementary revised its schedule and how students were assigned to classrooms making sure every classroom has a paraeducator. The new schedule allows Title One teachers to work in the classroom during reading and writing, providing additional support to students who may need it. (Title One is a federally funded program whose goal is to help all children receive a high-quality education and close educational achievement gaps.)

Teachers are actively engaged in HMH, and are provided in-person and online professional development, guided by PES fourth grade teacher Heather Galley and reading specialist Nicole Davis. So far, students especially enjoy the weekly vocabulary words.

Principal Kristen White was truly drawn to Pittsfield when a student group led a section of the finalist interview process (yes the students were guided and supported by adults!). The students unanimously picked Kristen for their nominee, and Kristen picked Pittsfield. Her eight years of elementary teaching experience, and seven combined years as an assistant principal and principal built a strong foundation for a successful transfer to PES where "everyone cares and we do what's best for our kids."

Community members are always invited to come and volunteer at PES, and attend school events. Most importantly, please read to your kids, as the chart shows those minutes really add up.

Leslie Vogt, for the Pittsfield Post



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Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Pittsfield Youth Athletics Association Basketball Registration is now open. Ages 4-12, \$50/player. Deadline to register is Nov. 8. Coaches and Sponsors are needed. For information, please visit the website at www.pittsfieldyouthathletics.com or email pittsfieldyouthathletics@gmail.com.

Tuesday September 24, 6pm - The Board of Selectmen is working with the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications to correct nonstandard addressing across town to help public safety agencies easily locate and respond in an emergency. Letters were mailed Friday, August 30, 2024, to affected property owners. A second batch of letters were mailed Friday, September 6, 2024 and Friday, September 13, 2024. The property owners are strongly encouraged to email Cara Marston at cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov to be placed on an email notification list and to receive any further address-specific details that may be available beyond the letters that were mailed. There will be several steps to this e-911 addressing correction project that will take place over the course of a few months. First, the Board of Selectmen will hold a meeting at their Tuesday September 24, 2024 regular 6pm meeting (being held in the PMHS lecture hall at 23 Oneida Street) to discuss the need for the changes. After this meeting, it will be determined which addresses will be changed by voluntary re-addressing agreements and which ones will have to go through a public hearing process to be changed.

Thursday September 26, 7pm - The Pittsfield Conservation Commission will meet at the Town Hall.

Monday September 30, 4pm - Teen Book Club at Josiah Carpenter Library. Ms. Carr from Pittsfield Middle High School will be returning this year to lead the tween/teen book club. This Book Club is for grades 7-12 and will meet on Mon, Sept. 30 at 4pm (and every other Monday). Students will discuss their favorite books and choose a book together to read for book club.

Tuesday October 1 from 9-11am - First Congregational Church of Pittsfield NH, Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry is open for families to receive diapers once every month. Each family receives diapers/product per child in need, and one package

of wipes per family. We generally have NB through size 6 diapers, along with pull-ups and overnights. We use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate your financial and unopened product donations!! Call 603-435-7471 if you have any questions.

Tuesday October 1, 5pm- Author Visit & Costume Party at Josiah Carpenter Library. Join us for a meet and greet with NH Author Naomi Fredette. Light Snacks will be provided. Costumes are optional (but encouraged).

Wednesday October 2, 7pm - The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

Wednesday October 2, 6:30pm- The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), 5 Park Street has resumed After School Hours: Drop-In Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 3pm-6pm and Wednesday 1pm-6pm, Stop in and check out the schedule! The food pantry at PYW continues to be stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth-open during Drop In hours. For more information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at (603) 435-8272 or Text at 603-234-9788.

The Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation was established by Gabe's family after his death to provide roadside safety equipment to all High School aged drivers. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful Foundation or more importantly to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927 or email gda21foundation@gmail.com

Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd is open for the season - Thurs - Sat, 9:30am - 6pm and Sun 10:30-4pm. The 4-H Young Entrepreneurs have stocked up the store- please come and check it out!

Senior Center Schedule- Monday & Thursdays – 8-2pm and Wednesdays 8am –1:00pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 12pm; Bingo M & TH – 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – W-10-12pm; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies- Mon at 9am and Chair Yoga- TH at 9am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482.

Senior Center Special Event Thursday September 26

at 12:00 PM: Music and Lunch - "Yesteryear is coming back!!!" Everyone had such a blast they have been asked to come back. Come have lunch and listen to the band.

Budget Committee There are several vacancies on the Budget Committee. Please contact Town Moderator Jackson Marston or the town hall if interested or have any questions. The volunteer application can be found on the town website www.pittsfieldnh.gov

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the commemorative garden on the museum grounds. The "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor whomever you wish to remember. The bricks cost \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 603-435-8004.

PES and End 68 Hours of Hunger are joining forces to create positive change! Are you eager to help our community bag and deliver groceries for families in need? This impactful program ensures groceries are available over the weekend. To sign your family up, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/> We're seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. To learn more, contact Mike Curtin or Kate Price at mcurtin@sau51.org or kprice@sau51.org.

Join us every Saturday for **BINGO** hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo. They have a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6 pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

Happy Birthday wishes to Tracey Riel on Sun, Sept. 22 and to Mary-Ellen Tuttle on Fri, Sept. 27. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Stephanie & Norman Tuttle on Mon, Sept. 23.



For Sale

Den Set \$200: includes Sofa, Loveseat, Chair (light green floral); Bureau \$25 Nightstand \$10; Exercise trampoline \$20, exercise ball \$5; 2 TVs: Panasonic 42" \$50, Sharp 32" \$25; Oak Dining Rm Set: includes table (6 ft extends to 8 ft), 8 chairs and hutch \$400 or b/o; TV cabinet with storage \$25. Please contact Donna: dace46topaz@gmail.com 603-568-6306



Post-It in the Post

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work! Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday.

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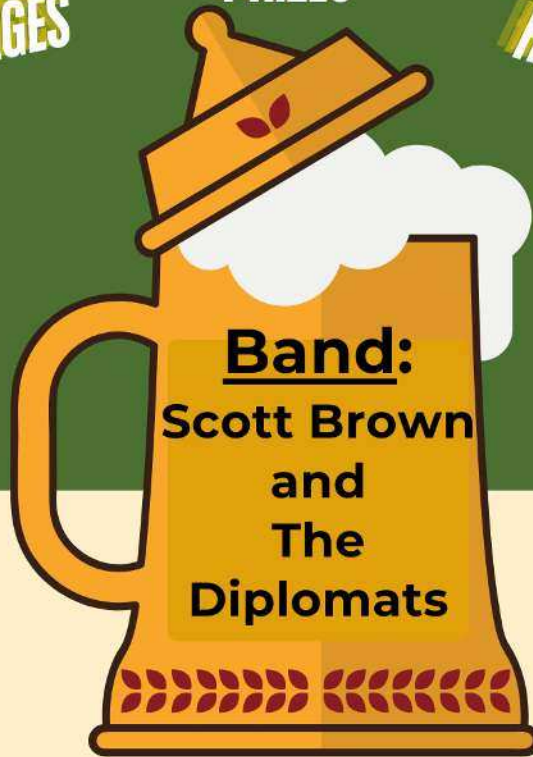
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Pittsfield Middle High School News

Survivor of the 9/11 attacks, Dr. Sharon MacIntyre came to tell her story to the ninth grade world history classes on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Dr. MacIntyre was working on the 14th floor of World Trade Tower 1 on the morning of the September 11 attacks. She recapped the events of that day from a first person perspective for the students. The students asked many good questions and were captivated by the emotional impact of the day.

PMHS students settled in for their first Learning Studios of the 2024-25 school year on Friday, September 6, 2024. Examples of learning studios offered this year include chess, photography, sports history, school newspaper, and the history of medieval warfare. Learning Studios are groups of students who meet to learn about a common interest, and produce an authentic product for Exhibition. Due to the focus on core academics, PMHS reduced the number of elective course offerings. We implemented learning studios as a way to encourage student leadership and voice while supporting a wider range of course topics.

The PMHS Theater Club recently held auditions for its upcoming one-act "Home of the Brave." Students from all high school classes came to try out, and roles have been posted. The Theater Club will also be bringing grade 9-12 students to Plymouth State University on October 18 for workshops on how to run a professional theater and to view a college production titled "Lucky Stiff." *Kiza Amour, PMHS*

Strive for Unity

I am proud to support Sally Kelly, a Democrat, and Jim Allard, an Independent, for the NH House Pittsfield/Chichester District. I am volunteering for their campaigns because I believe our district and our country need to find common ground solutions to our economic, social, educational, and other issues. Jim and Sally understand the challenges of everyday life, the tough economic times we are facing, and the dangers of extreme views regarding our individual freedoms.

Sally and Jim agree: "The NH Constitution cites that we are obligated to fund Public Education." They each support funding public education and do not support school vouchers, which put the burden on our local homeowners. Both Jim and Sally support Labor and are against Right to Work. Both are willing to listen to opposing opinions on the critical issues confronting us. Both have served in the NH House. Sally has lived in NH for 43 years. Jim, a 31-year Army veteran, is a native and life-long NH citizen. Both are married and parents. I support Sally and Jim because they share many common beliefs and values that are important to me. Honesty, integrity, commitment, compassion, and patriotism are shared values, right along with good, old-fashioned common sense.

This is the united way! I urge you to vote for Sally Kelly and Jim Allard on November 5! Their website is www.sallyandjim.com.

My best, *Karen Lesmerises*, Chichester

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The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The newsletter publishes relevant and important news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and providing a forum for dialogue.

The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

Please support your community newsletter. Checks should be made out to the non-profit: Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Pittsfield Post. P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Donations may also be made on our website.

Send us your news! Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details about submissions are on our website. Deadline is 9am on Friday.

Pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

SAVE THE DATE October 26, 2024, SAVE THE DATE



The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring the annual Harvest Fest Celebration on October 26 at the F B Argue Recreation Area from 12- 3.

There will be horse drawn wagon rides, pumpkin carving, pumpkin bowling, cookout, games, face painting, and a chili cookoff. New this year, there will be a pie baking competition, finger printing, and Wild life Encounters will be doing a wild animal show at 1:00. More information will be coming soon. If you or your organization would like to participate, please contact Minni at 603 290-4068. Come join us for some family fun!

Harvest Fest Pie Baking Contest

At Harvest Fest this fall, October 26th, we are adding a Favorite Pie Contest. If you would like to enter your favorite pie, you will need to register ahead of time by emailing Minni at Minnibump@gmail.com and she will send you a registration form to bring with your pies on the day of the competition. You will be asked to supply a list of ingredients in case of allergies. You should also bring a picture of your pie before we cut it up. Attendees at Harvest Fest will be able to pay \$1 to sample the pies and vote for their favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the favorite pie. So, if you enjoy baking pies and want to share a pie with us, please sign up by emailing Minnibump@gmail.com.



Harvest Fest Chili Cook Off



Do you enjoy making chili? Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Do you love chili and want to taste some hometown recipes?

At Harvest Fest, we will be having a Chili Cookoff. We will be looking for the first 10 people to register to make chili. We will have power strips for contestants to plug in their crock pots. Please register by sending your name to minnibump@gmail.com. She will then email you a registration form for you to bring with your chili on the day of Harvest Fest. As part of the registration form there will be a section about known allergens, it is imperative that you circle any allergens that will be in your chili.

Attendees will then be asked to sample the chili and pick their favorites. Each person who purchases a \$1.00 ticket, which you can only purchase once, will receive a voting card. Each person will then choose their favorite chili recipe. The chili with the most votes will be the winners. It will be a blind contest where your name will be kept confidential until judging is over. We will announce each contestant and the name of their chili and then the winners will be announced. Prizes will be awarded for the favorites. Send us an email if you want to make chili for others to share. We are looking forward to celebrating some great Pittsfield area cooks. Again to get a registration form email Minni at minnibump@gmail.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Senior Center Hours Monday & Thursday 8am -1pm Wednesday 7:30am-1pm		9-11am, 1 Diaper Pantry, First Cong. Church 5pm Author Naomi Fredette, JC Library	6:30 pm 2 Rotary Club, Historical Society 6pm Denim Wreath Workshop, JC Library	5:30pm 3 School Board Meeting 6pm Zoning Board Meeting, Town Hall	4 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church	5
6	6:30pm 7 American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75, Town Hall	6pm 8 Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall 7:15pm Parks & Rec Meeting, Community Center 6pm AARP Presentation, LC Library	9:30am 9 Josiah Carpenter Lib. Trustees Meeting 4pm Community Development Committe	7pm 10 Planning Board Meeting, Town Hall 5:30pm Parent Teacher Organzation Meeting, Pittsfield Elementary	11 No School Teacher Workshop Day	12 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church
13 1-4 pm Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	6:30pm JCL 14 Mead & Read Book Club, Over the Moon 7pm Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall 4pm Teen Book Club, JC Library	15 BCEP Closed	6:30 pm 16 Rotary Club, Historical Society	5:30pm 17 School Board Meeting	18	19 Victory Workers 4-H Festival, Dowboro Farm 11am-4pm Octoberfest on the Farm, Little Red Hen
20	21	6pm 22 Board of Selectmen Meeting	4pm 23 Community Development Committee Meeting	7pm 24 Conservation Commission Meeting, Town Hall	25	Noon -3pm 26 Harvestfest, FB Argue Rec Area 6:30 PTO Trunk or Treat, MSA Globe
27	4pm 28 Teen Book Club, JC Library 5pm Beginner Crochet, JC Library 5:30pm Soup's On Congregational Church	29	30	5-8pm 31 Trick or Treat 6pm BCEP Committee Meeting		



Cook's Corner Apple Turnovers

Yay, apple season is upon us! And to the rescue – frozen puff pastry sheets! These turnovers are super easy and fun to make. I bet the kiddos and grand-kiddos would enjoy making these. I use Granny Smith apples because I like their tartness, but Honeycrisp or Pink Lady apples work well. You might like include mix pears in with your apples; or add raisins or dried cranberries to your apple mixture in the saucepan. Whatever you decide to do, just make these soon. Serve warm with good quality ice cream. These are also fabulous for breakfast. Bon appetit! - *MP Christakos*

1 (17.3 oz) package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed, but cold

3 to 4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced into ½ inch pieces

¾ cup packed light brown sugar

2 TBSP butter

2 tsp cornstarch

1 tsp lemon juice

1 tsp water

½ tsp ground cinnamon

For the egg wash: 1 large egg and 1 tsp water

For the glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 TBSP whole milk, ½ tsp vanilla extract

Heat oven to 450. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium saucepan, stir together apples, brown sugar, butter, cornstarch, lemon juice, water and cinnamon and cook on medium-low, stirring frequently until butter is melted.

Increase heat to medium and simmer the mixture for 7 minutes, stirring frequently until it has thickened. Set aside to cool slightly.

On top of a large piece of parchment paper or lightly floured surface, unfold the thawed pastry dough. Roll each sheet into a 12 inch square, then cut each square into 4 squares. Transfer the squares to the prepared baking sheets.

Prepare the egg wash by whisking together the egg and water. Divide the apple filling among the pastry squares, placing in the center. Brush the edges of the pastry with the egg wash. Fold dough in half over the filling, forming a triangle. Press edges of pastry to seal and crimp with a fork.

Cut 3 small slits on the top of each turnover. Brush the tops with the remaining egg wash. Bake for 23 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool a few minutes before glazing.

Prepare the glaze by mixing the sugar, milk and vanilla extract together until smooth. Drizzle the turnovers with the glaze.

Josiah Carpenter Library Donation Needs

Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of the following items throughout the year and would greatly appreciate any and all donations from patrons and town residents.

- contact paper
- small reward stickers
- party favors/prizes
- apple juice
- goldfish crackers
- glue sticks
- sticky back googly eyes
- fruit snacks
- construction paper
- markers
- pocket folders
- microwave popcorn
- cardstock
- cotton balls

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August, 2024

Thank You

I am writing this to express my gratitude for the service of the following people: Chief Psonowsky, Joe Anderson, Eric Nielson, Captain Jim Girard, and Bob Bousquet.

I experienced a minor medical incident at the Balloon Rally on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Each of these individuals was kind, caring and professional. Right from the beginning it was clear that I was in good hands and would receive the medical attention needed.

It is consoling to know that we have such dedicated and skilled staff providing such an important service.

With sincere appreciation, *Dianne Melim-Heffernan*



Catamount Womenaid News

Mission: Catamount Womenaid provides financial assistance for individuals in the community in times of need.

Since 2011, Catamount Womenaid has helped residents of area towns who need funds for essentials such as rent, utilities, clothing, medical and dental bills and transportation. When individuals or families have emergencies beyond what social agencies can meet, Catamount Womenaid will consider requests for funds made on their behalf. Requests for assistance come from validated community resources such as social services organizations, school nurses and guidance counselors, clergy or doctors' offices; the recipients remain anonymous.

In its 13 years of existence, Catamount Womenaid has grown to serve 6 towns and dozens of neighbors in need each year. This year, it has been able to increase its level of aid; Catamount Womenaid now grants up to \$1,000 for requests for residents of Barnstead, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield and Strafford. Those outside of this area may receive up to \$500 in approved grants. Catamount Womenaid also works directly with staff at the 6 elementary and 2 high schools in the area so they have funds on hand when students need clothes or school supplies.

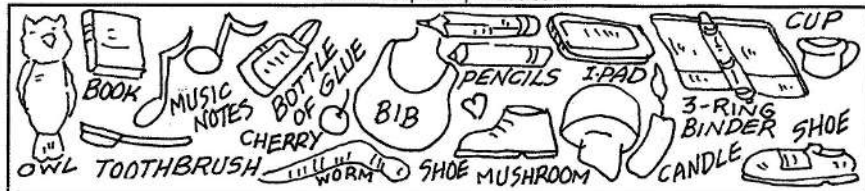
Generous community members have made the mission of Catamount Womenaid attainable. Board members proudly state that no request for aid has ever been turned down due to lack of funds. It is expected that by the end of 2024, Catamount Womenaid will have dispersed \$125,000 in total! Stay up to date on Catamount Womenaid at www.catamountwomenaid.org and on Facebook @catamountwomenaid.



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 Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for information about drop-in activities and trips!
 



TEEN BOOK CLUB

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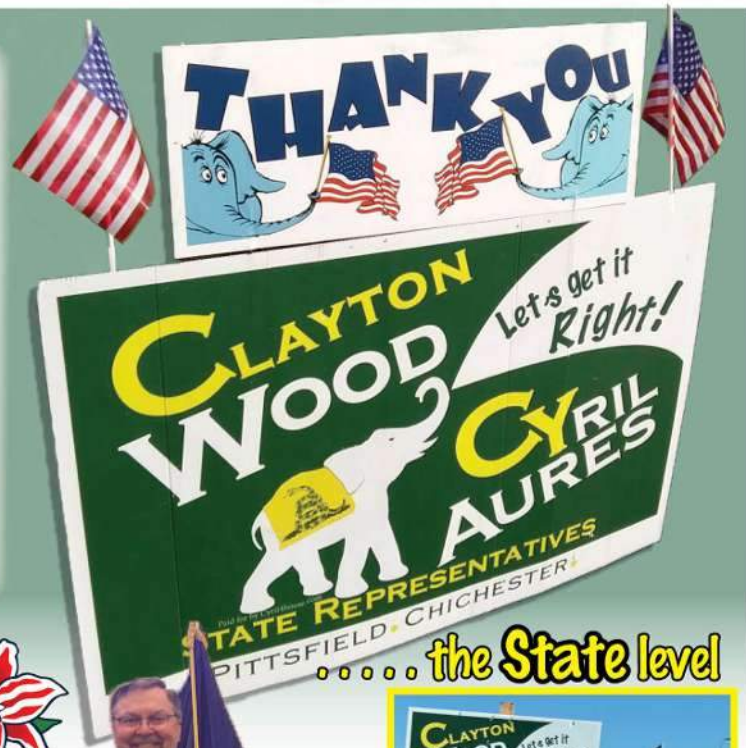

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We would like to thank the citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester for their incredibly strong vote of confidence on September 10!

Your warm words of support and thanks while we were standing at the polls were very special & made us feel appreciated. You have our promise that we will always do what we say, & say what we do!

Sincerely, your state representatives

Clayton Wood & Cyril Aures



"Let's get it right" at the Federal level...

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