

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"To say it was a beautiful day would not begin to explain it. It was that day when the end of summer intersects perfectly with the start of fall." - Ann Patchett **August 28, 2024**

Pittsfield Balloon Rally Frank H. Donovan 5K Results



PMHS Athletes who completed the race, left to right: Sydney Provencal, Brayden Pelletier, Addison Clark, Mabel Johnson, Chelsee Chagnon, Cormac Diomedede, Alivia Lavigne, and Savannah Chagnon

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's Pittsfield Balloon Rally Frank H. Donovan 5K!

A threatening thunderstorm blew over just as 90 runners took off to conquer Fairview Hill. This was the largest field of registrants in many years, including 18 from Pittsfield! Pittsfield residents who earned awards in their age categories include: Chelsee Chagnon, Addison Clark, Mabel Johnson, Frank Babcock, Cormac Diomedede (7th overall!), and Shawn Gile (6th overall!). With the proceeds from the race, another generous scholarship will be awarded to a Pittsfield senior next spring. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made this race possible, and to the Suncook Valley Rotary and Northeast Delta Dental for their support. Mark your calendars for August 3, 2025 to take part in this great Balloon Rally tradition!

Libby Donovan Kun, Frank H. Donovan 5K

Michaela St. George attends National Rifle Association Youth Education Summit

Michaela St. George, a Pittsfield resident and full-time high school student at VLACS (a NH online charter school), had the opportunity to attend the 2024 NRA Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.) on July 17-21. This all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. had 22 students from across the United States attending, with intentions of deepening appreciation for our country and Constitution, meeting like-minded students, while exploring the nation's capital. Michaela was one of around 150 students who submitted an application to attend the summit. The applications were ranked based on their grades, extra-curricular activities, essay about the 2nd Amendment, personal statement and three letters of recommendation. This busy week was filled with numerous museum visits, time at the NRA shooting range, competitive debates, attending the 8th & 1st Marine Barracks Parade, visiting Arlington Cemetery and memorials. Michaela will forever be grateful for this experience that had an everlasting effect on her and all Y.E.S. attendees. (*Thank you to Michaela for providing the Post with information about her experience at NRA Y.E.S.*)



Michaela, second from left, with her debate team.

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

"End 68 Hours of Hunger" Barnstead/Pittsfield Seeking Eligible Families. We provide weekend meals for children in need. There are no income requirements. Please visit our website at <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org> or text our Program Coordinator Kristen at (774) 454-4524.

Tues, Aug. 27, 6:05pm - The Pittsfield Board of Selectmen will conduct a **Public Hearing** for input on the acceptance of West Meadow Road as a town road, in accordance with RSA 674:40-a, a statute which gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept dedicated streets, that was adopted by Town Meeting on March 12, 1994. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. at the Town Office, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield NH.

Wed, Aug. 28, 7-7:30pm - Supervisors of the Checklist Sessions. Party affiliations cannot be changed during these sessions. Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the Town Hall to register new voters and make any necessary corrections for State Primary Election Day on September 10, 2024.

Fri, Aug. 30, 6pm - Joy In The Park - at Dustin Park and hosted by Joy Church. Free cookout, face painting, music, games and fun. Please join us - Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thurs, Aug. 29 - Mon, Sept. 2 - Visit the Hopkinton NH State Fair to check out our **Victory Worker's 4-H Club** exhibits in the Ruth Kimball 4-H Exhibit Hall and the barns to see the animals and catch a 4-H Animal Show.

Tues, Sept. 3, from 9-11am - First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, the **Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** will be open for families to receive diapers once per opening, now once every month. The family may receive 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. Use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages) and wipes are always welcomed. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions, including donation questions.

Wed, Sept. 4, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society

Museum, Oak Street.

Josiah Carpenter Library StoryWalk "Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Crockett Johnson. This timeless classic was chosen to be our next "StoryWalk" because it came out in theaters recently! Walk around town to read this story about the curious and adventurous 4-year old. Maps may be found in the mailbox on the bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin Park. When you return to the library to read the last page of the story, come in and receive your free gift!

The PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer team is selling fall mums for a fundraiser. 9" pots are \$12 and all proceeds go to the team. Color choices are Red, White, Pink/Lavender, Orange, and Yellow. Orders are due by 9/13/24. Please contact any PMHS Soccer player or message the team on Facebook at PMHS Girls Soccer to place your order.

Heart & Sole Running Program, Fall 2024 - A 10-week program for girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade, of all abilities. Practices are Mon & Thurs from 2:45pm-4:15pm at Pittsfield Middle High School. The program starts on Mon, 9/9. Registration is now open online at <https://www.girlsontherunnh.org> For questions or financial assistance, contact Paulette Wolfe at plwwolfe@gmail.com or 603-491-8386. No girl will be turned away for financial reasons.

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 to make a donation.

Pittsfield Hoops 603, in partnership with Pittsfield Youth Athletics, is committed to fostering the growth and development of our local youth through basketball. We are in need of basketball shoes to donate to players who might not have access to the proper footwear. Your donation will ensure players can participate fully and safely. New or gently used basketball shoes in any size may be dropped off at Bell Brothers Store. Please send any questions to pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com or text us at 603-341-2691.

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.

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 6pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

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 may 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"x 8" brick. Stop by at the museum, 4 Oak St., to see the current garden and the surrounding grounds. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 603-435-8004.

Attention PHS Class of 1984 - It's our 40th Class Reunion this year!! Our reunion will be on Sat, Sept. 14 at Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford. \$75 per person. Invitations have been mailed and there is a Facebook Event. If you plan on attending, please contact Andi Grainger Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346 for info.

Happy Birthday wishes to Stan Bailey on Wed, Aug. 28; to Chris Plante on Sat, Aug. 3; and to Arlo Tuttle on Sun, Sept. 1. I hope you each enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Rick & Jen Walter on Sun, Aug. 25.

First Week of School!

"A sense of curiosity is nature's original school of education." *Smiley Blanton*

DID YOU KNOW?

Independent candidates for state and federal office, those without a party affiliation, are not automatically included on the Primary (September) ballot, nor do they participate in the process. While party members battle for nomination in the Primary, Independents must find registered voters from their own districts to sign affidavits stating that the Independent's name should be added to the General Election (November) ballot. Affidavits are not endorsements of a candidate nor promises of a vote.

A candidate for the New Hampshire House must submit 150 affidavits; candidates for the U.S. House, 1,500. The candidate submits the collected forms to the Supervisors of the Checklist for each town in the district. The supervisors verify the residency and voting status of anyone signing an affidavit, and the candidate submits the verified number to the Secretary of State's office. Only then may the Independent candidate's name appear on the General Election ballot.

The *Post* has chosen to publish the following *Crabby* column as a humorous response to the previous *Crabby*. The *Post* is focused on activities impacting the Town of Pittsfield. No further submissions concerning the presidential election will be published. *The Pittsfield Post Content Team*

Dear Crabby,

I have owned my large, yellow cat for over 10 years now. Recently, my new neighbor, who doesn't own a cat, took my cat to live at his house. Should I be concerned? Sincerely, Sean Gault, Heavy Equipment Operator

Dear Sean Gault,

I don't think so. Tim Walz opines that "one person's socialism is another person's neighborliness." However, you might be able to get out from under those really expensive payments on your next CATerpillar equipment loan. Just apply for federal student loan forgiveness and mark it CAT-Skills University. Best regards, Crabby

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THANK YOU, PITTSFIELD!!!

The 2024 Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee would like to thank all the businesses, clubs, vendors, entertainers, community members and groups that made this year's Old Home Day a success.

- Globe Community Fund, for their generous donation for numerous events, including the fireworks.
- The Sanderson Fund, for generously donating to our event, including the musical entertainment we had throughout the day with Jackie Lee, Don Smith, The Hollis Town Band and the Nevers Band.
- Danis SuperMarket, for sponsoring our S'mores Stations and generously donating all the items!
- Clothes Closet and Hope Counseling for generously donating to make the Little Red Wagon performance and Animal Encounter programs possible.
- NH Water Solutions, who sponsored our talented face painter this year!
- Bell Brothers, for sponsoring our caricature artist and making this free for all community members!
- Northway Bank, for sponsoring the games table, for supplying the prizes, and for working the table!
- Pittsfield Fire Department, for kicking off the day with a community breakfast.
- Pastor Jeremy Everson from Park Street Church, for sharing a prayer with our community before the parade. We also appreciate your church having such a generous and delicious table of treats and coffee, and for sharing your ladder so we could plug in the music! :)
- Kathy Kelley, for singing the National Anthem and leading the parade in the decked out RV!
- Scott Aubertin, for driving in the parade and towing the Hollis Town Band through town!
- Sandra Adams, for driving our 2024 Citizen of the Year Larry Konopka in the parade. Congratulations Larry!
- Fuschia Peony, for arranging the beautiful bouquet for Citizen of the Year!
- PYW, for letting us use your tables (and broom!)
- Rotarians, for the use of tables and chairs for our Citizens of the Year viewing stand and Emcee table.
- The 4-H Victory Workers, for organizing the cook-off table. We appreciated this tasty table.
- Mrs. White and Mrs. Hinkley, for judging the bike parade. The kids LOVED seeing you!!
- Tina Metcalf, for stepping up to Emcee our parade. You did a great job!
- Pittsfield Police Department and Jay Darrah, for blocking out the path for the parade and leading it throughout town. We also loved having you in the car show!
- Jay Darrah and the Department of Corrections, for the K-9 demonstration; and for all who participated and asked great questions!
- Coach LaRoche and the PMHS Girls Basketball Team, for sponsoring the duck race and for pushing through even when the ducks couldn't go in the water. :)
- Denise at Granite Image, for all your help with posters, advertisements, and program printing!
- The Pittsfield Historical Society, for opening special hours to coincide with OHD!
- Joey Darrah, for organizing a fantastic car show, and your great crew who cleaned up after the fireworks.
- Adam Gauthier, for organizing the craft/vendor community fair.
- Roger Metcalf and Katie Worthen, for lining up the parade.
- All parade participants!! You all looked great!
- Parks and Rec. for hosting the BBQ and events at the "town pool."
- Little Red Wagon theater group, for their hilarious rendition of Treasure Island
- Animal Encounters, for sharing with us their fabulous creatures. We all learned a lot and laughed.
- Mark and Andi Riel, for guiding us and constantly sharing their Old Home Day wisdom with us!
- To our 2024 OHD Committee, who worked hard to plan, set up, and clean up from this town event.

And to our wonderful community members for showing up and enjoying the day! It is always so heartwarming to see everyone come together to celebrate who we are as a town. Thank you all!!!

The 2024 Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee

Cook's Corner

Creamy Chicken Cutlets & Mushrooms

When I was little, if dinner was especially tasty my Great Aunt Mary would always say, "It's just like downtown!" Well, this chicken and mushroom skillet meal is 'just like downtown.' Instead of chicken cutlets, you can certainly use boneless, skinless chicken breast, but you may want to cut them in half crosswise, so they'll cook faster. I normally use a mix of mushrooms such as cremini, baby portobello, and shiitake. Feel free to put out some grated Parmesan cheese to sprinkle on top for serving. Nice side dish ideas are steamed broccoli, green beans, or carrots, and I like to serve this with boiled mini red potatoes. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*



6 to 8 chicken cutlets (thin sliced)

1 TBSP olive oil

2 large shallots, sliced

4 cups mixed mushrooms, sliced if large

1 to 2 TBSP cooking sherry

½ cup heavy cream

1 tsp dried thyme (or 2 tsp fresh thyme)

2 TBSP fresh chopped parsley

Season chicken cutlets with salt & pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet, brown the cutlets, approximately 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add the shallots (add a bit more oil if necessary) and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until mushrooms soften and start to release their liquid. Stir in thyme, sherry, wine and cream. Cook another 3 minutes or so, until the sauce comes together and starts to thicken. Return the cooked chicken to the pan.

Cook for another 2 to 3 minutes or until everything is heated through. Serve topped with fresh parsley.



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Clayton Wood, Republican Candidate for NH House of Representatives

I thank the citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester for the honor of serving you. It has been one of the most rewarding responsibilities I have had. Being part of the citizen's legislature has helped me understand and appreciate the New Hampshire Difference. A low tax burden with high-quality services is the formula that resulted in New Hampshire being named the best state to live in.

I had 100% attendance and voted on every bill. The House was almost evenly split, so attendance was the difference between a good and bad result. I served on the Election Law Committee. The 2020 election controversy was one of the reasons I ran for office. I learned that Election Law is so complicated it needs its own committee! I will ask the Speaker to continue working on this committee if elected.

My priorities remain:

Economy – No sales or income tax with a responsible and balanced budget

Education – Support school choice

Parental/Child Rights –

Health Freedom – Eliminating restraints on medical care and mandates.

Liberty – Prevent government overreach

Rachel and I have been married for 47 years. We made our home Pittsfield in 2005 with our three girls, Kira, Jolene, and Ryan. We love this town. I've served our town in a wide range of jobs: Design and Manage Pittsfield School Websites (the school has never had a website that I didn't design!); Elected Chair of Pittsfield Planning Board; Elected Chair of Pittsfield School Board; Board Chair and Designer of Pittsfield Town Website, and as treasurer and director of the Pittsfield Historical Society. In 2015 I was honored with the Spirit of New Hampshire Award for long-time volunteer service to the Pittsfield School District.

I am committed to preserving New Hampshire's unique identity and ask for your vote on September 10th and November 5th. *Representative Clayton Wood*

HB 1205 is a Strong Endorsement to Re-elect Clayton & Cyril

HB 1205 (partial text below) bears Rep. Clayton Wood's name in the list of sponsors. He did not even have to dig too deeply into his extensive education from MIT for his Chemistry PhD to decide where to come down on this one! Thank you for common sense leadership, Rep. Wood. The International Olympic Committee should take a lesson.

II.(a) An interscholastic sport activity or club athletic team sponsored by a public school or a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school must be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex at birth of intended participants:

(1) Males (This was signed by Gov. Sununu and effective August 18, 2024 for grades 5-12.)

Rep. Wood was motivated, in part, to run for a House seat two years ago because of the issues of parental rights and school choice. These are real bipartisan concerns when chatting with constituents. The detailed reports in the State House Dispatch published in the *Pittsfield Post* and posted on the Facebook page, Clayton&Cyril4House, provide insight into how Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures think and how they vote, almost like a Meet-the-Candidates night every few weeks! HB 1205 provides a strong endorsement to re-elect Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures for NH State Representatives on Sept. 10th.

Sincerely, *Diane Rider*

Cyril Aures, Republican Candidate for NH House of Representatives

It has been rewarding working for my constituents as a NH State Representative.

My experience as a veteran working with the military via the Department of Defense, BAE Systems in Edinburgh, Scotland; London, England; and USA has given me valuable experience and wisdom in dealing with government, civic and corporate issues. Having had two successful businesses with 57 employees, my wife, Rosemary, and I have supported our family and communities.

Rosemary and I have been married for 47 years, with four children and six grandchildren. I know what responsibility is. Rosemary and I have had 24 exchange students from many countries and six continents. These experiences have given me a unique perspective for solving issues and developing creative solutions.

New Hampshire's citizens have had a few tough years with inflation running over 25% up to 33% on everyday needs. Energy, gasoline, is up 81% from just three years ago. Our neighbors are having to choose between heating homes, fueling vehicles and buying groceries. The House Democrats are ruining our economy by forcing us to buy energy from other countries. It is my goal to have every constituent keep as much of their hard-earned money as possible. We should not burden ourselves with more taxes, forcing us to choose between food, medical needs and other necessities. This year NH public schools received an additional \$135 million. Did the teachers get big raises? No, but they should have. Instead, the schools hired more ancillary DEI staff and other wasteful SAU expenditures. Wentworth Regional School District just paid \$83,250 to Great School Partnership for an "equity" consultation. Seriously??? What a waste of money. Democrats want a NH sales tax and a NH income tax on your wages, increasing your tax burden for the average family by \$4,797. Vote your pocketbook. I ask you for your vote on September 10th and November 5th.

Representative Cyril Aures



Endorsement of Representatives Aures and Wood for the NH House

First, I'd like to thank all the candidates running for office. A sacrifice of time is hard, not to mention the stress. It means so much to your constituency. After careful research, I have chosen Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures for State Representative. My decision is based on commonsense decisions made in their past, but most importantly, their integrity exhibited throughout their time in office and hard work in their lives. They both exhibit the morals and values necessary to make decisions for the good of the people here in NH who choose to live free.

Thank you.

Stacey Polizotti

Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions or questions you would like to share?

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- ▶ 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the *Post* Content Team.
- ▶ Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- ▶ Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

The *Post* Volunteers



**Jim Allard, Independent
Candidate for NH House of Representatives**

My name is Jim Allard and I am a candidate for the New Hampshire House for Merrimack County’s District 13. I am running as an **Independent** candidate this term because I believe most of New Hampshire’s voters think of themselves that way, and because I believe partisan gridlock is failing us in profound ways.

The needs of our District outweigh the edicts of party bosses and the influences of outside political action committees. I am a New Hampshire native, educated at UNH, Boston University, and Southern New Hampshire University. I served in the House representing Pittsfield and Epsom from 2018-2022, and held seats on the Education Committee, Public Works and Highways, and the Fish and Game Committee. Since 2016 I have also served on Pittsfield’s Select Board, with five years as chairman. I am committed to the idea that members of the legislature

serve the people of their district, not any political ideology.

I am conservative by nature but reject dogma in favor of problem solving for the benefit of our residents. I believe we must reform education funding, facilitate economic development—including opportunities for young people, resist tax increases, and become better stewards of our resources. We need real work on the cost and availability of housing in our state, personnel shortages among first responders, and cost-effective infrastructure replacement or repair.

After graduating from UNH I entered the Army and remained on active duty for 31 years, retiring in 2004. From 2006-2013 I worked as a Department of the Army civilian. Retiring a second time, my wife, Gail, and I came home to New Hampshire to be close to family, friends, and all that the Granite State offers. And now is the time for experienced leadership under the State House dome.

Independent candidates are not part of the Primary process, but I will be on the November ballot. *Jim Allard*



**Sabrina Smith, Republican
Candidate for NH House of Representatives**

My name is Sabrina Smith, and I am campaigning for a New Hampshire State House Representative seat. I was born and raised in the farmlands of central San Juaquin Valley, experienced working in production factories after high school graduation before attending a trade school for my Cosmetology license and becoming a United States Navy wife traveling the world serving my country, including during 9/11.

My husband and I chose New Hampshire as a place to settle down, buy a home, and raise our family close to 20 years ago. We have five children ranging in age: Three successful public-school graduates, and our youngest daughter is currently attending Pittsfield Middle High School. While raising our five children I’ve balanced working full time, as well as volunteering my time at public schools, churches, military bases, local libraries, and town governments within the United States.

I hold a BA in Psychology w/minor in Child & Adolescent Development. I am the current sitting Secretary on Pittsfield Budget Committee, and have been attending our local Pittsfield School Board meetings diligently over the past three years. Noticing significant changes in state funding for public education over the last several years, attacks on New Hampshire teachers/administrations, and the horrific anti-LGBTQ attacks on families/children within my own community has motivated me to run for office. The policy area I wish to devote most of my attention to is bringing Fair Funding for Education to public and trade schools, especially in my 51% poverty-stricken town of Pittsfield, because children deserve a better future. My life has been devoted to serving children/families within communities I have lived in, and I would love nothing more than the opportunity to bring that same love of service to Pittsfield & Chichester citizens in the New Hampshire State House. Thank you for your consideration. *Sabrina Smith*

Sally Kelly, Democrat

Candidate for NH House of Representatives

I'm Sally Kelly from Chichester, and I am running with Jim Allard, Independent, to serve the people of Pittsfield & Chichester in the NH House.

One of my key reasons for running is the excessive cost of our property taxes. Our property taxes pay for 61.4% of our school budget. NH has the distinction of paying the lowest percentage for education of any of our 50 states! None of the other 49 states rely on the towns to pay for education.

I am running because our two current Representatives have voted repeatedly to divert state funds from our towns' public schools with the Freedom Accounts. We need to stop the ever-increasing flow of money away from our public schools.

I served six years in the House, being part of the leadership team for four of those years. With redistricting two years ago, I now have the opportunity to serve all residents (Republicans, Democrats & Independents) of Pittsfield, in addition to Chichester.

Many of you may have seen me either at your Old Home Day (Pancake Breakfast, Barbecue, Craft Fair, Band Concert, Fireworks), or at the Balloon Rally, or even on my frequent visits to The Little Red Hen (fabulous melons and corn on the cob). You have a truly wonderful community.

Jim and I have two different perspectives, coming from two different political parties. Our goal is to come together to serve YOU. Please send your issues/concerns either to SallyMakesSense@gmail.com or use the feedback form at our website, SallyAndJim.com Please let us know if we can put up a sign on your property in mid-September to spread our bi-partisan effort.

Thank you to the People of Pittsfield for giving me an opportunity to serve you. I respectfully ask for your votes on September 10 and November 5th.

Respectfully yours,

Honorable Sally Kelly, (603) 724-1862



Dan Schroth, Democrat

Candidate for NH House of Representatives

I got no cell phone; I do not compute. I got no money, but I am Dan the Stoneman.

I am motivated by the fact that I am a Constitutionalist. The Republicans in the State House only use it when it benefits them.

Look at school funding. Chichester only gets enough from the State to fund their special education account. Pittsfield can't even afford a Spanish teacher. These guys want to fund their religious schools and tear down public schools.

I'm thinking we need to have a sales tax on every good sold, except food and used items. This is a consumption tax. It's best for the environment, except for a carbon tax, which we will have at some point.

There has been scientific research on the intelligence of all given races.

The findings are that there are clever people and stupid people; most are in the middle. I often wonder when the stupid ones will realize the earth is round, and the earth is more than five thousand years old. And we are warming the earth by burning fossil fuels.

At your service, *Dan the Stoneman*





Kelly Roberts, Democrat
New Hampshire State Senate, District 17

My name is Kelly Roberts. As a lifelong resident of this great state and having served in the Deerfield Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office for the past 16 years, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges facing our communities. It's time for strong, compassionate leadership that works tirelessly for every resident in our district.

In my tenure as both Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector and elected Town Clerk Tax Collector, I've seen the devastating impact of rising property taxes. Renters, too, are struggling to keep up with escalating costs. This isn't just an issue of economics—it's a profound social crisis that threatens the very fabric of our communities.

Furthermore, the homelessness and opioid crises have reached alarming levels. These issues aren't confined to our cities; they're pervasive in our small towns, affecting our friends, neighbors, and even family members. This is unacceptable. We must be tougher on those who profit from the pain of others, but we must also offer compassionate support to those in need.

Our problems won't solve themselves. We need a comprehensive approach that involves hard work, listening, and meticulous planning.

At the state level, our legislators must focus on creating policies that benefit all residents and strengthen our communities. By fostering economic growth, supporting local initiatives, and enhancing our democratic processes, we can ensure a prosperous and inclusive future for everyone.

I will work to protect our environment, focusing specifically on our precious lakes, streams, and rivers. The health of our water bodies is critical to the well-being of our communities, ecosystems, and economies. I am committed to implementing stringent measures to combat pollution, including the pervasive threat of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which have insidiously contaminated our water supplies. By enforcing robust environmental regulations and promoting sustainable practices, we can ensure that our natural resources remain clean and abundant for future generations. *Kelly Roberts*

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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

Where is the September Calendar of Pittsfield Events ??

The two *Post* volunteers who compile the calendar completely forgot that this is the last August issue of the *Post*. The wonderful days of summer are distracting!

We have chosen to claim this opportunity to ask the readers: Do you find the calendar useful? Do you miss it? Please, let us know.

During the Fall we plan to try out some new options for the events calendar.

Sincerely, *Nan Adamson and Leslie Vogt*

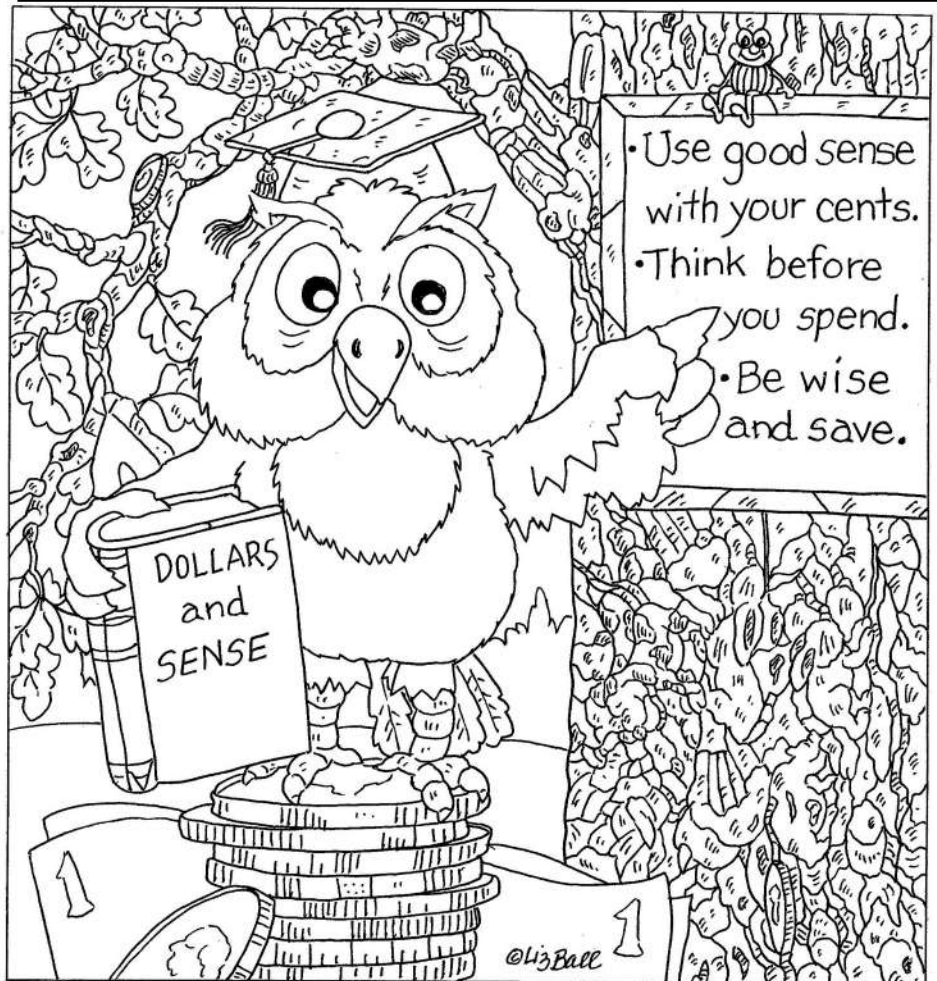
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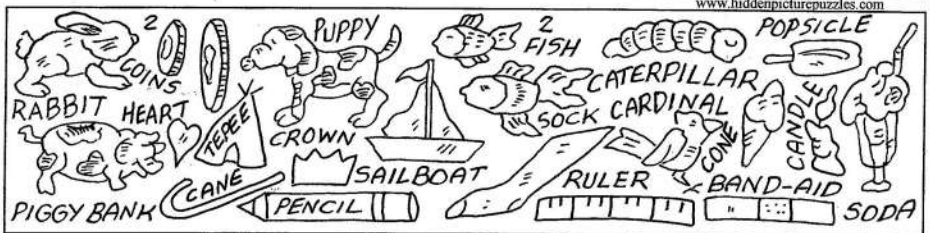
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Exec. Councilor			
Terese Bastarache			●
Senator			
Howard Pearl			●
State Representative			
Vote for Two			
Cyril Aures			●
Clayton Wood			●
Sheriff			
Frank T. Cassidy			●
County Commissioner			
David Lovlien Jr.			●



Lily has a deep understanding of the importance of protecting our rights from government overreach & need to STOP spending!



Howard has been a dedicaed servant to his community and represents conservative NH values.
 "Pearl is a gem!"



I'm too ugly for a profile picture

Frank has 32 yrs in law enforcement & 21yrs in the Sheriff's Dept!



As incumbant, David kept the Merrimack County budget low despite a democratic majority!

