

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"August is filled with golden hues of summer, reminding us of nature's brilliance." *Unknown*

August 14, 2024

Ann Carpenter Receives Boston Post Cane

Ann Carpenter received the Boston Post Cane in a ceremony attended by friends and family on August 2. The Pittsfield Board of Selectmen had the distinct honor of presenting Mrs. Carpenter with a replica of the original cane, which is on display at the Town Hall, for safe-keeping. The gathering took place at the former long-time Carpenter residence on Swett Rd. on a warm sunny morning that found the honoree smiling and socializing in her proverbial great mood. Hosting the event were current owners, Suzie and Mark Smith. Mrs. Carpenter passed the century mark this year on May 1, and is our eldest citizen.

The tradition of awarding the Boston Post Cane to the most senior citizen of towns in Maine, NH, MA. and RI began in 1906 when the Boston Post



With Ann, from left: Brian Smith, his wife and Ann's daughter, Judy Smith; son Bill Carpenter and his wife Kathy, and Ann's daughter, Lynn Smith.



Front: Nick Liouzis, Ann Carpenter
Back: Bill Carpenter, Cara Marston, Jim Adams, Carol Richardson, Carl Anderson

newspaper had 700 canes handcrafted using ebony wood from the Congo, finished with fine French lacquer and topped with a 14-carat gold knob. The canes were distributed to approximately 700 towns and villages throughout the region, and now, well over a 100 years later, 543 towns continue to honor their longest living citizen with that recognition.

Mrs. Carpenter, now a resident at Presidential Oaks in Concord, spent the vast majority of her life in Pittsfield where she has always been known for her involvement in town and school affairs, her athleticism, her readiness to help anyone in need, her 'open-door' policy for friends of her and late husband "Doc" Carpenter's children, Lindy, Bill and Judy, and keeping the pharmacy at Green's Drug Store friendly and efficient. Ann Carpenter is undoubtedly one of the most recognized names among several generations of Pittsfield residents, and the love and respect that surround her was very evident at the ceremony. Congratulations and may she hold the Boston Post Cane for a long time to come! *Carl Anderson*

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

THANK YOU to The Suncook Valley Rotary Club and to all the volunteers, organizations, businesses, vendors, family and friends who helped to make the Hot Air Balloon Rally a great event. Save the date for next year - August 1, 2 & 3, 2025.

The F. B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Beach) is closed for the season due to unacceptable bacteria levels.

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club Hot Air Balloon 2024 Photo Contest - Did you take a great photo at the Balloon Rally? Enter the photo contest, up to three entries per person. The deadline to enter is Sept. 4. Rules and entry info at <https://nhballoonrally.org/photo-contest/>

Tuesday Aug. 13, 6:15pm - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at the Community Center.

Wednesday Aug. 14, 9:30am - Josiah Carpenter Library Trustees Meeting at the Library.

Sunday Aug. 18 & Monday Aug. 19 - The Pittsfield Players are holding auditions for their upcoming production of "Into the Woods" at 7pm. Callbacks (if needed) will be held on Tuesday Aug. 20 at 6:30pm. Show Dates are Nov. 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 7:30pm & Nov. 17 at 2pm. Auditions will consist of singing and cold readings from the script. Auditionees need only attend one night unless asked to attend callbacks. Auditionees should prepare a 32-bar cut of a musical theater song (no longer than two minutes) that show your voice and range. Songs from the show are not discouraged. Please bring sheet music for the accompanist. Rehearsals will begin Sept. 3 & will be every Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday from 6:30-9pm (as we get closer to show time we will rehearse from 6-10pm). To register www.pittsfieldplayers.org/auditions

or contact Director Catherine Martinez general@pittsfieldplayers.org

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

The Boys PMHS Soccer program led by Coach LaRoche will be holding skill sessions on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8pm at Drake Field. If your son is attending PMHS and plans on playing soccer (either middle school or varsity), please have them come to the skill sessions.

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 5:30-7:30pm - Pittsfield Youth Athletics Assn: "Meet the Coaches" at Pittsfield Youth Athletic Park, 177 Tilton Hill Rd. Meet your 2024 soccer coaches. You will get uniforms, schedules, and an opportunity to participate in the cleat drive. Burgers and hotdogs, chips and drinks on us. Join us and get ready for an awesome season. For more info, DM us on Facebook, or email pittsfieldyouthathletics@gmail.com <https://www.pittsfieldyouthathletics.com/>

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 or more importantly to donate. Or contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927, email gda21foundation@gmail.com

Globe Community Fund - Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, to assist 501c3 non profits. This fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and its purpose is to enhance community well-being with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Pittsfield Hoops 603, in partnership with Pittsfield Youth Athletics, is committed to fostering the growth and development of our local youth through basketball. We're reaching out to our wonderful community for support. We need basketball shoes for players who do not have access to proper footwear. Your donation will ensure players can participate safely. New or gently used basketball shoes in any size. Drop-off location, Bell Brothers Store. Any questions pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com or text us at 603-341-2691.

Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd is open - Thursday - Saturday 9:30am-6pm and Sunday 10:30am-4pm. The 4-H Young Entrepreneurs have stocked up the store- please come and check it out.

PYW is open for Drop 2-6pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is TRIP DAY - permission slips are required and can be picked up at PYW during drop in hours. PYW is Closed on Fridays. Please contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or email at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org if questions.

Senior Center Schedule - Monday & Thursdays – 8am-2pm and Wednesdays 7:30am-1pm. Senior Community Lunch – Monday & Thursday 12pm; Bingo Monday & Thursday, 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – Wednesday, 10am-12pm; Walking at the Center- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8am-1pm; Sweatin’ to the Oldies- Monday and Wednesday 9am, Chair Yoga- Thursday 9am. For more information call Anne at 603-435-8482.

Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball - Join us every Saturday at the Circle 9 Ranch for BINGO. There are great food items for sale along with other games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6pm.

The Pittsfield Historical Society is still raising funds for the commemorative garden on the museum grounds. The “BUY-A-BRICK” project gives you an opportunity to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or whomever you wish. The bricks are \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters. Stop by at the museum, 4 Oak St, to see the current garden and the surrounding grounds. Visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, 603-435-8004.

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.

Vintage Hill Autumn Craft Fair on Sat, Sept. 21 from 9am-1pm. Contact vintagehill@metrocast.net or 603-435-5133 for a registration form. Registration fee is \$25 for Inside space and \$20 for outside space. The deadline to register is Saturday, Aug. 31.

Saturday, Sept. 14, Save the Date! Attention PHS Class of 1984 - It's our 40th Class Reunion this year at Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford. Invitations have been mailed and Facebook Event is live. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Contact Andi Grainger Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346.

Happy Birthday wishes to my SISTER, Michele Grainger Karwocki and Dave Stasiak on Wed, Aug., 14; to Stacy Davis & Melissa Potter on Sat, Aug. 17. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Merrill & Diane Vaughan and to Sally & Jeff Wardwell on Tues, Aug. 13; to my nephew, Tim & Tracey Riel on Sat, Aug. 17.

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Dear Readers,

Many of you know Dan Schroth, you could say he has been a 'fixture' in our town for most of his life. Dan is a giver, not a taker. He is always looking to help the 'little' guy and he cares deeply for our environment.

Dan and I were chatting the other day and he was sharing his thoughts about Climate Change...He considers himself an activist, currently very interested in our Climate and ways we can all do our part, first to acknowledge it's changing and second, help curb the negative effects to it!

In the past few years Dan has been focused on the 'Climate', reading and learning what other cities and towns are doing and trying to engage *our* elected officials, attending various town and school meetings, even branching out to neighboring towns. Dan has provided Pittsfield elected officials with information he has researched and has asked to be given time on the meeting agenda in an attempt to get a 'temperature' reading from *our* elected officials - what policies/procedures and mindsets do they have related to Climate and its changes? What do they see as important related to climate change and how might each of us within our town make a difference? He has also asked *our* elected town officials to invite the two *elected* Pittsfield NH State Representatives to a Selectboard meeting, so that residents and voters could learn and understand what is on their minds about this subject. No luck so far.

So, if you want to know what Dan has been up to lately, besides Stone Walls, this is one thing! Thank you.
Donna Keeley

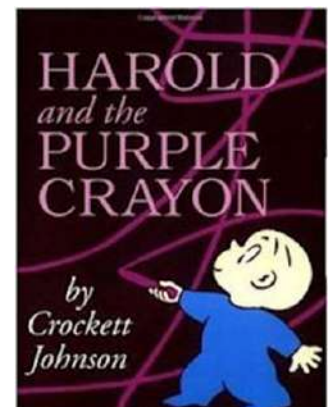
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Teresa Flanders Scahill

Teresa Flanders Scahill passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, after a serious illness, surrounded by her family. She was born on July 6, 1956, and spent her early years in Pittsfield, living with her mother, father and six siblings.

Teresa graduated from Pittsfield High School and went on to attend college where she graduated with a degree in psychology, which she was extremely proud of. Her career included being a volunteer EMT/Firefighter, a banker, a deputy town clerk and a paraprofessional special needs educator. She was always willing to give her time and energy to help others and it showed in the many people she challenged, cared for, and changed.

Her hobbies included Flanders Bean Hole Beans, hot air ballooning, traveling, reading, art and volunteering, among other things. If you knew Teresa, you knew she was open to trying new things and never sat still for too long. She was delighted in fun and maintained a love of adventure and learning throughout her life, which showed in her hobbies and her careers.

Teresa cherished her friendships, developing them at each stage of her life with most of them lasting the remainder of her life. At the time of her passing, Teresa still had friendships that she had maintained since her early years. Her passing left an enormous hole in the lives of those who loved her, but her legacy of love, service and faith will carry on in the many lives she touched.

Teresa's life was a melody of love, education, and community—a tune that will resonate in the hearts of those she touched forever and her life was a testament to the beauty of a life well-lived, the lives she touched, and the love she shared. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy will bloom eternally in the hearts of those she has left behind.

Up until the end, Teresa maintained her kindness, grace, compassion, love of family and friends, and her one-of-a-kind spunky personality. She leaves an indelible impression on those who called her mother, wife, sister, cousin, friend, coworker, teacher, and mentor.

Teresa had a brilliant spirit, radiant smile and compassionate heart and her life can best be encapsulated by five "F" words: Family, Friends, Food, Fun and Fearlessness. In her 68 years here with us she experienced an abundance of each.

Teresa was preceded in death by her mother, Marilyn Davis Flanders; her father, George Edward Flanders; her brother, Roger Flanders; and her brother-in-law, Chuck Messier. Survivors include her husband, Michael Scahill; her son, Timothy Scahill; her brothers, Mark, Alan, Henry and Dana Flanders and their wives; her sister, Julie Messier; many nieces and nephews, and a large extended family along with a community of friends and former students.

A private service for her family will be held in her honor. Roan Family Funeral Home-Still Oaks Chapel, 1217 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom, assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Teresa's name to David's House: <https://davids-house.org/>



Harold and the Purple Crayon StoryWalk

The Josiah Carpenter Library's next StoryWalk® features Harold and his purple crayon as he goes on quite the adventure using his imagination. The story, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, by Crockett Johnson, is now available for your viewing pleasure. Book pages have been mounted in 17 locations throughout the downtown area. So, don't forget to bring your imagination as you stroll through our beautiful little town. You can pick up a map from the mailbox that is attached to the community bulletin board at Dustin Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the book, stop in to pick up your FREE GIFT! *Melissa Babcock, Josiah Carpenter Library*



Cook's Corner Mexican Pizza & Tacquitos

Is it time for Mexican? Ha! Trick question – it's always time for Mexican! I am delighted to share two major favorites in our house. For the Mexican Pizza, make your taco meat ahead of time; use 1 lb of lean ground beef, seasoned with either a store-bought taco seasoning packet or with chili powder, ground cumin and either fresh or jarred salsa. The Tacquitos are a low carb twist on the classic, typically deep fried, version. Either of these recipes can be served as a main dish, but they are also fun appetizer ideas. Ole mi amigos! *MP Christakos*

Mexican Pizza

Flour tortillas, 6, 8 or 10 inch round – your call

Olive oil

Precooked, heated taco meat

Shredded Cheddar

Topping ideas: Fresh chopped tomatoes, shredded lettuce (do this), sour cream, chopped scallions, fresh chopped cilantro, jalapenos, guacamole, black beans.

Heat oven to 400. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Place the flour tortillas on the pan and bake for about 7 minutes or until the tortillas get puffed up and crispy. Remove from the oven.

Layer the warmed taco meat on top of the tortillas, and then layer on some shredded Cheddar. Return to the oven for 2 to 3 minutes until the cheese melts and the pizzas are hot.

Add other toppings before serving.

Tacquitos – Low Carb!!

2 TBSP olive oil

½ an onion, finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp chili powder

2 cups shredded, cooked chicken

2/3 cup red enchilada sauce

4 TBSP fresh cilantro, chopped, plus more for garnish

Kosher salt

2 cups shredded Cheddar

2 cups shredded Monterey Jack or Pepper Jack cheese

For serving: sour cream, salsa, guacamole

Heat oven to 375. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. In a medium skillet, heat the oil. Add onion and cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and spices and cook until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add chicken and enchilada sauce, then bring the mixture to a simmer. Stir in cilantro, season with salt & pepper and remove from heat.

To make the tacquito shells – in a medium bowl, mix the 2 cheese. Divide the mixture into 12 (three & a half inch) piles on the prepared baking sheets. Bake until the cheese is melty and slightly golden around the edges, about 10 minutes.

Let cool for 2 to 4 minutes, then peel the shells off the parchment. Add a small pile of the chicken filling to each one and roll up tightly. 2 grams per 1 tacquito

David Doherty, Candidate for Merrimack County Commissioner

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Merrimack County Commissioner. I am running in District 3 which is comprised of the towns of Allenstown, Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hooksett, Hopkinton, Pembroke, and Pittsfield. I will bring to the position the experience of serving three terms in the state legislature which involved being a part of the Merrimack County delegation and serving on various committees related to county government. My background is in education, having been a high school counselor for 38 years. In addition to serving in the legislature, I have been a member of the Pembroke School Board and the Pembroke Budget Committee. Through the years I have worked in some capacity on school budgets, town budgets, county budgets, and the state budget. Additionally, throughout my years in education, I have been active in local chapters of the AFT and NEA and have been part of many contract negotiation teams. I believe I can contribute to the operation of Merrimack County, working with the County Administrator, the other commissioners, and the county delegation. I humbly ask for your vote in the primary in September and in the general election in November. Thank you for your consideration. *David Doherty, Pembroke, NH*

Note to Post Readers

This newspaper does not encourage material from writers devoted to self-help, romantic advice, family dispute resolution or any other sort of do-gooder claptrap. It does however sometimes receive copies of correspondence addressed to:

Dear Crabby:

The Post publishes them because they represent none of the vapid social improvement nonsense mentioned above. The intent is to supply the readers with a much needed dose of fundamental reality.

Bill Miskoe - A Member of the Post Volunteer Team

Dear Crabby:

I have had my cat Suzy for ten years. She has never had any kittens. Should I be concerned ?

Mrs Clara Sullivan

Dear Clara:

Since Suzy has you to care for her, I'm sure she doesn't care about kittens. You however risk condemnation by JD Vance, for being a Childless-Cat lady.

Best regards Crabby

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