

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Just book the trip." Emiley Shenk

July 3, 2024

***I Pagliacci* July 13-14 at the Scenic Theatre**

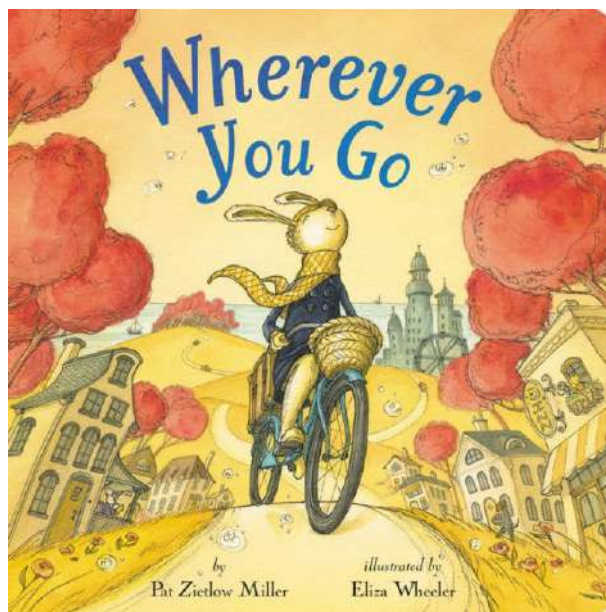
Have you ever wanted to experience LIVE opera on stage? Have you ever wondered what opera is all about? Well, you now have the opportunity to find out. Pittsfield Players will be presenting a professional production of the opera classic, "I Pagliacci". This magnificent opera will be fully staged in Italian on July 12 and 13, 7:30 pm, and July 14 at 2pm. The "Pre-Show" will offer a short but animated introduction to the opera by Jane Cormier, who is directing the production. The lead opera performers in "I Pagliacci" are young professionals who have previously participated in the NH Opera Idol Competition, sponsored by WKXL 1450 AM.

So, come and support the arts and welcome "opera" into the fold with the Pittsfield Players. Refreshments will be available and tickets can be purchased at www.pittsfieldplayers.org. Tickets are \$25.00 Adult and \$20.00 for Senior/Child. Don't miss this "operatunity" to experience opera live and up close. *Jane Cormier for the Pittsfield Players*

Go on an adventure with Josiah Carpenter Library

The Josiah Carpenter Library's next StoryWalk® features an adventurous rabbit and his animal friends that journey over steep mountain peaks, through bustling cityscapes, and down long, winding roads to discover the magical worlds that await them just outside their doors. These 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 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 adventure books, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm to check out our selections. Make sure to ask about our summer reading program. *Melissa Babcock for the Josiah Carpenter Library*



Message For Our Readers & Contributors

In order to provide sufficient time for the *Pittsfield Post* Layout Team to organize the paper for printing, we ask that all content submissions (including ads) be submitted to the *Pittsfield Post* by **9am on the Friday before the next issue**. If content or ads are received after 9am, there is a risk that your submission will not appear until the following issue of the paper. Thank you very much for your attention to this deadline. *The Pittsfield Post Volunteers*

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

Pittsfield Food Pantry will be closed from July 2-14.

Wednesday July 3, 6:30pm - Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society on Oak Street.

Sunday July 7, 1-4pm - Pittsfield Historical Society is open. Stop in at the museum on Oak Street and view all the wonderful artifacts from Pittsfield's history.

July 9-30 and Aug. 1-15 - Varsity Girls Summer Soccer - All sessions will be from 9-11am. Arrive 15 minutes early to put your gear on and review the day's training schedule. The regular season begins shortly after Aug.15.

Pittsfield Hoops 603 Heatwave Camp - Summer basketball camp for Grades 1-6 at the PMHS Gym. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. \$40. July 15-19, 9am-1pm for Grades 1-3 and July 29-Aug. 2, 9am-1pm for Grades 4-6. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Coach Stratton at 603-341-2691 or pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com. Sign up today on our website to reserve your spot in something great <https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/pittsfieldhoops603>

Saturday, July 20, Pittsfield Old Home Day. The theme is "Adventure Begins with You". Some of the activities planned are: All you can eat breakfast at the Fire Station; Car Show on Main St - 9-10:30am - No Entry Free, Raffle prizes; At Dustin Park - Community Fair, Carnival Games, Music, S'Mores Sweet Adventrue Cook Off; Kids Bike Parade and Parade at 11am. Fun at the Town Beach (F.B. Argue Rec Area) from 12-5pm : BBQ, Free Swim, Animal Encounters and Little Red Wagon Theatre group, fireworks at dusk at Drake Field. For info or to volunteer, contact Melissa at 603-496-3928 or for Vendor information, contact Adam at 603-219-7284.

Pittsfield Youth Athletics has a new website. <https://www.pittsfieldyouthathletics.com/Register> for recreational soccer '24 now. Also check out the Facebook page **Suncook Valley Soccer**

The F. B Argue Recreation Area open for the season.

Hours Mon - Fri, 12-5pm. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Daily admission is \$1/person (non-resident - \$1.50/person) and Family Season pass may be purchased for \$50. Please NOTE - there are no lifeguards on duty. There are 2 sessions of Swimming Lessons - Session 1 is June 24 - July 5 and Session 2 is July 29 - Aug. 9. Cost is \$15/child per session (non-resident is \$30/child) Sign up information will be available at the F.B. Argue Rec Area. The area is also available for rent during the weekends. *** Come down to the town pool every Friday to have a hot dog for lunch! Only \$1 from 2-3:30pm.

The Drake Field Summer Recreation Program started on June 18 and will run until July 26. Hours are from 8am-12pm, Monday - Friday, unless there is a field trip. The program is free to Pittsfield children in grades 1-8, with a small charge for some field trips. Breakfast and lunch are provided free for those who want it. The program consists of sports, arts and crafts, games, and field trips. For more information contact Louise Sawyer at 603-267-6733.

Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd, is open for the season - Thurs - Sat, 9:30am-6pm and Sun 10:30am-4pm. The 4-H Young Entrepreneurs have stocked the store - please come and check it out. **PYW** has changed to their Summer Hours, open for Drop-In hours from 2-6pm on Mon, Tues, and Wed. Thursday is TRIP DAY - Permission slips are required for trips and can be picked up at PYW during drop-in hours. Fri - PYW is Closed. Please contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or email at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.for more info for all the great things happening this summer.

Senior Center Schedule - Monday-Thursdays 8am-2pm and Wednesdays 7:30am-1pm. Activities- Community Lunch - M & TH at 12pm; Bingo M & TH - 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games - W-10am-12pm; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies- M & W at 9am and Chair Yoga- TH at 9am. ?s Anne at 603-435-8482.

Every Saturday BINGO is hosted by Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo. There is a great menu of food items along with the 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.

Globe Community Fund - If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing 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

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 yourself, loved ones past or present or 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. 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.

The Pittsfield Hanging Flower Baskets are up! Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated this year. If you'd like to continue to see these baskets grace our downtown, we'd love a donation, no amount too small or too big. Send donations to Donna Keeley, made out to Pittsfield Hanging Basket Flower Fund, 256 True Rd, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Thank you, everyone and have a flowerful day.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 12pm Registration is open for the 2024 Suncook Valley Rotary Club Hot Air Balloon Rally "Anything That Floats River Raft Race" at Drake Field Boat Launch. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

place. Visit <https://nhballoonrally.org/events/river-raft-regatta/> for info and to register.

Saturday September 14th - Attention PHS Class of 1984 - It's our 40th Class Reunion this year!! Join us 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 for info.

Happy Birthday wishes my nephew Lincoln Riel on Tues, July 2;; to Kathy Kelley on Thurs, July 4. I hope you both enjoy your special day.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Val & Denis Guy on Wed, July 3.

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

Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC), owner of the Community Center, is the fiscal agent for the *Pittsfield Post*. PCDC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage in activities that benefit Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to:

**Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Newspaper
P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263**

Donations are tax-deductible. Donations above \$50.00 may be acknowledged as sponsor of the week.

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Address: _____

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I would like to have sponsorship acknowledgement: Yes ___ No ___

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Cook's Corner

Tortellini – Two Ways!

Summer weather has arrived and I'm sure we're all looking for fun, refreshing and hearty salad options. Here are two ideas that I hope you'll

enjoy. Pasta Salad Skewers is a lovely appetizer for your summer parties. Tortellini Caesar Dinner Salad is a terrific quick & easy go-to for a hot, busy weeknight meal. Wishing you and yours a wonderful July 4th holiday. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

Pasta Salad Skewers

- 1 (9 oz) package fresh or frozen tortellini
- ¼ cup white balsamic vinegar
- 1 pint grape / cherry tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz) package fresh mini mozzarella balls (aka "pearls")
- ½ lb salami, sliced or cubed
- 1 to 2 cucumbers cut into ½ inch chunks
- 1 (6 oz) can / jar whole, pitted black olives
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- Optional ideas: artichoke hearts cut into chunks, pepperoncini peppers
- 15 to 20 (10 inch) skewers

Sauces for serving: Ranch dressing, pesto sauce, vinaigrette

Cook the tortellini according to package directions, drain well and rinse with cold water. Transfer to a bowl, toss with the balsamic vinegar and season with salt & pepper, stir to combine.

Alternating the remaining ingredients, thread the tortellini, mozzarella balls, salami, cucumber, olives, basil leaves, artichokes and pepperoncini. Create different combinations on each skewer. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serve with your favorite sauce or dressing.

Tortellini Caesar Dinner Salad

- 1 (9 oz) package refrigerated or dried tortellini
- 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 2 cups chopped or shredded rotisserie chicken
- ¼ cup shredded or shaved Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup Caesar salad dressing, your choice
- 1 cup salad croutons
- Ground black pepper
- Lemon wedges for serving

Cook the tortellini according to package directions, drain.

Remove the meat from the rotisserie chicken, shredding the white meat.

In a large bowl, combine all remaining ingredients and toss well.

Find Fourteen Differences

Answers on page seven.



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www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Select Board Review June 25, 2024

Another public hearing last night, this time for input regarding a gift totaling over \$50,000, the bulk of which is for paving of the parking lot and shared driveway which serves the Carpenter Library on Main St. The remainder pays for a radio in the FD command car. Following the hearing (during which there was no public comment or questions) the board voted to accept the gift, with thanks to the generous donor.

The warrant was approved for Civil Forfeitures for unlicensed dogs. The number of unlicensed dogs is down this year, but still an issue. Dog owners are advised that licensing (and importantly the required rabies vaccination) is NH state law, and will be enforced.

One property tax abatement was approved, as were two Land Use Change Tax assessments.

Jim Allard, board rep. to the Community Development Committee, reported that they have a new member, Marc Smith, who has a business background and offered a number of valuable suggestions at their last meeting. More members of the business community would be a big asset to the CDC.

The wastewater treatment plant report continues to show a profound need to have the sludge removed from the lagoons, as the readings exceed Federal limits and the chemicals required to treat the discharge are very expensive. However, removal of the sludge will exceed \$1.2 million so the town continues to pursue any grants that might be of assistance. Right now we're between a rock and a hard place.

Cara updated us on the status of several requests the town has made to the NH DOT; a stop sign westbound on Main St at the corner of Carroll St, reduced speed limit on Barnstead Rd. (Rt 107), and repairs to the Clark's Pond dam. Seems we are on a long list which they assure us will be dealt with, but on their own schedule, which doesn't seem to line up with ours. We'll keep at them.

Noel came in to ask if it was ok to contact the state regarding engineering for a potential sidewalk rebuild by the highway dept. on Main St. from Broadway down to Clark St. in 2025. It's in severe disrepair but due to the failure of the proposed 2024 budget back in March, there is no money to do the job now. We are hopeful the budget will pass next year. If that happens we need to have state approval already in place, as we're constantly reminded how long it takes to acquire it. *Carl Anderson*



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The House's last session was on June 13, and it worked on the bills that were moved to the floor from the Committee of Conference (a committee of Senate and House members) assigned to work out the final details of a particular bill. On the floor, there are only three possibilities: a yes vote brings it to the Governor for his approval, a no vote kills the bill, and a table vote kills the bill. Fifty-one bills made it to the floor. Most of these bills were passed by a voice vote with no debate. Listed below are the bills that met a discussion and a division vote (yay to nay count).

SB340, relative to communication between parents and school districts regarding special education, special education reporting requirements, and the office of the special education advocate, passed 188-179.

HB1018, which concerns on-premise and off-premise liquor licenses and land in current use still being allowed for a discount, passed 190-176. This bill combined two bills to pass much-needed liquor law corrections.

HB1091, relative to campaign finance, was debated since it would require the name and address to be taken for every campaign donation. Currently, there is no requirement for \$50 or less. This is unworkable for a citizen led legislature as we have in New Hampshire. This needs correcting in the next session. The bill passed 190-181.

HB1215, relative to development approval and appeals, contained a special section allowing the town of Hampton to discontinue a highway to lease that property to a new casino development. Since this is generally done at a town meeting, there was much discussion on whether the town could legally allow a 99-year lease. This bill failed 102-261 on a non-partisan vote. Most legislators were not comfortable mandating what clearly falls under local control.

HB1265, which concerns failing to file school expenditure reports concerning adequacy grants and requires school districts to report expenses, passed 183-172.

HB1369, relative to verifying voter rolls every four years instead of the current 10 years, failed 178-185.

HB1370, relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions by requiring a hotline to verify voter identity, was tabled 223-141.

HB1386, relative to prohibiting the disposal of lithium-ion batteries in solid waste landfills, composting facilities, or incinerators, passed 238-118.

HB1400, relative to residential parking spaces, landlord-tenant law, unauthorized occupant evictions, and zoning procedures concerning residential housing to help reduce the housing shortage, passed 205-149.

HB1616, relative to parental consent and notification for student participation in Medicaid to schools program, failed 173-179.

HB1633, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis, was tabled 178-173. An attempt to remove this bill from the table shortly after also failed by even more votes. The Senate and House were divided on this bill in three ways: one-third was no to weed, one-third was yes but only regulated by the state and one-third was yes but with free reign to the public.

HB1665, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom account program increasing to 425% of federal poverty guidelines, failed 168-185.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Cyril and me at info@ClaytonCyril4House.com. It is our pleasure to serve you. Sincerely, your State Representatives *Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood*

ANSWERS:

1. dog nose
2. Ball on flag staff
3. Boy's hair color
4. Leaf above boy's head
5. Extra leaf above flag
6. Stripes on shirt
7. Dog's collar
8. Dog tag
9. Socks
10. Top of shoe
11. Row of trees in background
12. Cuffs on shorts
13. Collar on t-shirt
14. Dog's foot



Post-It in the Post

Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors? Are you part of a community group that has big news?

pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org by 9 a.m. Friday

Guidelines: www.PittsfieldPost.org



Save the Date
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August 10th (rain date Aug 17)

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Autumn Craft Fair 2024

Saturday, September 21st, 9AM – 1PM

Vendor Application

Please complete the application and return it with check payable to Vintage Hill, LLC.

*Available space maps can be found on FB page "Vintage Country Crafts"

*The deadline for reserving space is Saturday, August 31, 2024

*The (non-refundable) fee per inside space is \$25, outside \$20

*Friday setup from 7:00PM – 8:30PM

*Bring your own table(s)

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

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