

The Pittston Fair Experience

This summer I chose to get community service hours for high school by representing the Pittston Historical Society at the Pittston Fair. My Mom is friends with one of the members and I thought it would be a good learning opportunity for me. I was interested in learning more about the Pittston Historical Society because it exists to inform people about the town that I have lived in all of my life. I was pleased to hear all about the many schools that had once been here and that most of what Gardiner is today used to be this tiny little town we know as Pittston.

The Pittston Historical Society's building operated smoothly with children running around outside. When they came in they sat in front of the chalkboard and we pretended to have classes as they answered questions. The Pittston Fair was a good experience for me, as I got to socialize with many of the 247 people who came into the exhibit. It was a shockingly high number for me, to be honest. I didn't figure I would see many more than two or three people over the two to three hours that I worked each day.

During this community service experience I learned that all of Pittston used to be split up into about 17 little schools, one of which I have driven past on my way to school every day for the past 10 years without knowing that it was ever used as a school.

Volunteering with the Pittston Maine Historical Society turned out to be a very good learning experience for me. While I got to meet people from all around the area who were visiting the fair that weekend, I also learned a lot about my home town.

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