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"Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moon rise" - Gladys Taber

November 16, 2022



What's Up at PYW

Every year the youth at the Pittsfield Youth Workshop decorate bags for the local Meals on Wheels program, and we're currently looking for donations to put a smile on each of the recipients of these bags. We are looking for practical and fun items to stuff these bags. This year we will be needing enough items to fill 30 bags. Items like crossword puzzles, travel toiletries, chocolates, and small candies are some examples that would help us out. If you have any questions, please reach out to us via Facebook. We will be collecting donations until Friday, December 9. Thank you! *Laurie Sweeney*

Sign-ups are now open for the Secret Santa Program

This program provides Christmas assistance for residents of Pittsfield in need. Children must be 14 years of age or under, must be residents of Pittsfield, and the parent or guardian that signs them up must have custody of the child. We will be accepting applications until November 30th. In order to have enough time to get all the gifts together, we cannot take any applications after that date. We are asking that applicants call the fire station (435-6807) between 9am and 6pm, and one of the staff will take your information over the phone. At this time, we will not be accepting applications in person to limit contact. If no one is at the station to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We do ask for patience at this time as the department is continuing to experience a heavier call volume. For those inquiring about how to assist with the Secret Santa Program, we are accepting donations of new, unwrapped clothing and toys at the fire station. Please call (435-6807) before coming down to be sure someone is in the building. We are also accepting monetary donations, that can either be dropped off at the station or mailed to Pittsfield Secret Santa Program, PO Box 392, Pittsfield NH 03263. As always, a huge thank you to everyone that makes this program possible!

Covid Vaccine Booster Clinic, Tuesday, November 29 2pm-4pm

Guests, family, and friends are welcome to attend a clinic that will be held in the Rolling Green community room at 67 Main Street. Clients only need their picture ID and vaccination card.

The nurses administering the vaccines are part of the N.H. Health Department. They work under 'On-Site Medical Services' which is the clinic that the State of N.H. awarded the grant to for administering vaccines.

If people are planning to attend the clinic, they should call my office number at 603-528-4090 and leave their name. *Susan Harris*, Resident Service Coordinator, Stewart Property Management

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The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 2023. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee.

Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is effective November 15 through April 15. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or right of way between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The purpose of this parking ban is to allow the winter or inclement weather maintenance crews unobstructed routes for snow removal and ice control, to maintain effectiveness of their routes.

The Pittsfield Senior Center Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Thursday, November 17 at noon. They will be serving their normal Thanksgiving meal. Turkey, mashed potato, gravy, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be open for it's annual Holly Fair on November 19, 9 am. to 2 pm. at 50 Main St., Pittsfield. The Fair will include a Crafts table featuring many handcrafted holiday items and popular birchbark snowmen and reindeer. There will also be a New-To-You table filled with unique Holiday gifts. Come for lunch at the well known St. Stephen's Cafe and take home something delicious from the well stocked Bake Table. Bring the children and sign up for the free children's book raffle. Don't miss this fun-filled fair, a great opportunity for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will hold its 2022 Christmas Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, November 19, from 9am-2pm. There are knits, crafts, ornaments, baked goods, the "Unique Boutique," and more! The auction ends when the fair ends at 2pm; successful bidders will be notified then. There will not be a luncheon this year. Both the rear (parking lot) and courtyard doors will be open. Wheelchair accessibility is through rear door. For more info, call the church office at 603 435-7471.

Pittsfield Food Pantry (located at 55 Barnstead Rd) has started to take applications for CHRISTMAS food baskets. Applications must be completed by November 30.

The Pittsfield Food Pantry has a limited number of turkeys and gift cards to Hannaford for Thanksgiving. Come to the Food Pantry and choose one. You will also be given some side dishes. The Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday from 11-1:45pm and Monday from 4-6pm.

The Annual PMHS Alumni Basketball Games will be held Friday - November 25, 2022-Varsity Girls vs. Alumni - 5pm and Varsity Boys vs. Alumni - 6pm

A Pasta Supper will be held on Monday, November 21 at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church. Donations accepted. All are welcome.

The Pittsfield Senior Center is sponsoring a Christmas Trip. Get Into the Holiday Spirit with Jimmy Mazz "Home for the Holidays" on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Danversport Yacht Club. Only \$99.00 per person includes the show, transportation, lunch, taxes, and gratuities. Please sign up at the center or call 435-8482. It is first come first serve.

Sawyer's Holiday Open House, 520 North Barnstead Rd, Barnstead NH will be held on Friday, November 25 & Saturday, November 26 from 9-6pm and Sunday, November 27 from 10-4pm. Country Farm home filled with New Hampshire handmade items just in time for the Holiday Shopping. Featuring wooden crafts, painted glass, fresh holiday arrangements, kissing balls, wreaths, ornaments, knitted items, nature jewelry, soaps, lotions, essential oils, primitive snowman/Santas, table runners, dog coats, Farm house style signs, soy candles/wax melts and much more. Daily Door Prizes. For information, call 603-776-4551. *Also, be sure to stop in at the Victory Worker's 4-H farmstand at The Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd, Pittsfield for more holiday gift shopping.*

Happy Birthday wishes to Liz Aliberti on Tuesday, Edie St. George on Wednesday, to my fabulous Father-in-law, Leon Miller on Friday. I hope you all enjoy your special day. A very Special Heavenly Birthday wish to my mother, Carol Grainger on Saturday.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the **PITTSFIELD POST** will not be published on November 30, 2022



Cook's Corner Rice Dressing & Vegetable Gratin

Yikes! Thanksgiving is about a week away, where did the time go? I'm sure you're all set with your 'mains' for the holiday, turkey or ham – or maybe even both, but you may be thinking about doing something different this year for side dishes. You've come to the right place. Here are two tasty sides that are certain to please. Our grandsons love the Vegetable Gratin; and I make the Rice Dressing throughout the year, it's terrific with roasted Cornish Hens. Please accept my very best wishes to you and your family for a lovely Thanksgiving. Bon appetit!
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Rice Dressing

4 cups chicken broth, divided
1 & ½ cups uncooked long grain white or brown rice
2 cups chopped onion
2 cups chopped celery
½ cup butter, cubed
2 cans (4 oz) mushroom stems & pieces, drained
3 TBSP chopped parsley
2 tsp poultry seasoning (important ingredient)
¾ tsp salt
½ tsp black ground pepper
Fresh sage and thyme, chopped (optional)
Heat oven to 350. In a saucepan, bring 3 & ½ cups of the chicken broth and the rice to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile in a large skillet, saute onion and celery in the butter until tender. Stir in the rice, mushrooms, parsley, poultry seasoning, salt & pepper and the remaining chicken broth. Stir well.
Pour the mixture into a 9x13 baking pan that's been lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Bake, do not cover, for 30 minutes. Before serving, garnish with fresh chopped sage & thyme, if desired.

Vegetable Gratin

2 cups fresh broccoli florets
2 cups fresh cauliflower florets
2 cups thinly sliced carrots
2 cups thinly sliced zucchini
¾ cup mayonnaise
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
½ cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
4 green onions, sliced

2 TBSP Dijon mustard
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
3 TBSP seasoned Panko breadcrumbs
Heat oven to 350. Microwave the fresh vegetables, all together, in a large, microwave proof bowl for about 8 minutes. Drain well. Arrange the vegetables in a 2 quart baking dish that has been coated with cooking spray.
Mix together mayonnaise, Cheddar, Parmesan, green onions, Dijon mustard and the cayenne. Stir well to combine.
Spoon the sauce over the vegetables. Sprinkle the top with the breadcrumbs. Bake, uncovered, for 25 minutes, until golden brown.

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A message from the President of the Pittsfield Players

Perhaps you've heard, or maybe you came to see for yourself, but **Jekyll & Hyde, the Musical** played to a sold out final weekend as well as the largest audiences we've seen in a long time the first weekend. The show was a hit with our patrons, included a 7 piece orchestra and drew

in many new-to-us performers as well as audience members. It was indeed a success. The rave reviews keep coming in and we are so fortunate to be a theatre to be reckoned with among some other bigger theatre companies in our midst, both community and professional.

While a lot of this success may be attributed to the direction and production of the show, the social media presence we've had and the casts' talented performances, it also has to do with something else; a sense of community. The Pittsfield Players are welcomed with open arms here in Pittsfield and as far as Wolfeboro, Concord and beyond. The cast and crew worked well together not just to bring this show to life but the theatre itself, putting in work sessions on weekends, both on the set and the upkeep of the building. There is a level of professionalism in our small theatre that exceeds the walls we are contained in and goes beyond our "amateur" status. This is something that is not new to The Pittsfield Players.

Rave reviews over this show have included statements like, "the best show we've seen at this theatre in years." Pardon me while I point out a few things. Having been an active member of The Pittsfield Players for 34 years I think I can justly comment on some of the past productions that have hit the stage at The Scenic Theatre, including the most recent **Deathtrap**. **Deathtrap** was an exceptional show; it was not a musical, it was not greatly attended but I guarantee you by those who saw it - rave reviews. The same goes for shows like **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, **Come Blow Your Horn**; and the musicals; **South Pacific**, and **Camelot**, and the list goes on - and these are just some of the more recent shows. The Pittsfield Players have put on and will continue to put on fantastic shows.

One of the reasons **Jekyll & Hyde** stands out is the

size of the audiences. When you are in a large audience you feel excited. You feel lucky to be there, to have gotten that coveted seat. You feel a different energy. You rave. When you are in a sparse audience you feel a little self-conscious. You wonder if you've made a mistake. You wonder if it's a good show and if so, why aren't there more people here? Sure, fabulous actors, great direction and some awesome promotional materials may be what got you interested in the show in the first place but what truly makes a show successful is YOU. You need to choose to be here, at the Scenic Theatre, being alive and purchasing your tickets and committing to come see us. YOU are the reason for the rave reviews. You trusted us, you took a chance, you planned ahead and you made it possible for us to give you our very best. It was YOU that made this performance how great it was. Those actors on stage feed off of YOU. They feel your excitement, they know you're ready to love them and they need you to show up as they have done.

Yes, some shows you like more than others; some of you are fans of musicals; some prefer comedies or dramas - and in 2023 we've got it all for you, stay tuned! - but I can guarantee you, at the Scenic Theatre, Home of The Pittsfield Players, ALL of the shows will be *that good*. Regardless of your tastes, come check us out more often. Buy a season ticket. See a show outside your comfort zone or one you've never even heard of. Take a chance. Commit. We need you (and we're pretty sure you need us.)

Kudos to the cast and crew, Tech Productions, LLC and the social media maven and all the others who made **Jekyll and Hyde** so wonderful. You made them love you. You deserve the accolades that keep pouring in. Let's keep the love affair going. Let's fill the houses again and again as we have in the past even though you may not remember, might not have been there *that* time. Let's remember where we started. Continue to feel the magic that is live theatre, with or without music. This is not our first sold out weekend, nor will it be our last. Our hats off to this show and the many more that came before it and that will come after. We have had live orchestras before. We have had great directors and scripts. We have had talented casts and wonderful costumes. All we've been missing... Is YOU.

Stay tuned for more information about "**A Dickens Christmas Carol, A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts**" a Christmas comedy showing at The Scenic Theatre on December 16, 17 & 18.

www.pittsfieldplayers.org Meggin Dail

Children's Christmas Store December 3

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is happy to announce we are bringing back the Children's Christmas Store this year! We are taking it over for the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce and they have been a huge help in helping us get it going again.

It will be held after the PTO breakfast with Santa event. We will have "elves" to help the littles come shop for their parents, grandparents, siblings, guardians, etc. Items will be \$1-5.... And be wrapped by our wrappers.

Great community event. Keep an eye out for donation boxes. We are looking for new-gently used items. *Suncook Valley Rotary Club*

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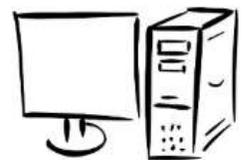
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School Board Update

My apologies for the delay in this update. Please find below an overview of the 2nd board meeting in October, the public meeting on the tuition study as well as the 1st board meeting in November.

Much of the discussion and public input for the past two meetings has surrounded the district's JBAB Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students policy. At this point, the board is awaiting feedback from students via an optional survey and drafted proposals of amendments to this policy from Mr. Lane. These revisions will be available in the board packet released prior to our next meeting. The public is encouraged to weigh in on those revisions at our next meeting.

Additionally, the Board, superintendent and building-level administrators have been working diligently on the budget for the upcoming school year. The proposed budget was passed unanimously by the Board and now will move to the Budget Committee for their consideration. The Board thanks Sandi Adams for her work on that committee to serve as a conduit between the school and town. The proposed budget is available on the district website for all to review.

The Board hosted a community meeting on the 27th of October to share with the town the history, process and information about potentially tuitioning our high school students out. While this meeting was not attended by many, the Board would like to thank those citizens who took the time to attend. These documents are also available on the district website for the public to review.

The Board would like to recognize some of the exciting happenings occurring in our schools including the Harvest Parade, a visiting author (thanks to Melissa Babcock and the library for their support in this!), the book fair, student-led conferences and the ongoing food drive at PES. PMHS has also been busy with student-led conferences, a trip to The Browne Center at UNH for the 6th and 9th graders, and successful fall sports' seasons for our student-athletes.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, mgoggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org 603-387-1396

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Pittsfield School Board Meeting and the Salem Witch Trials

Pittsfield school board has been discussing JBAB (transgender/gender non-conforming) policy adopted in 2018. The NH school board association has since withdrawn its recommendation due to litigation surrounding this topic. The complete policy is available on the Pittsfieldnhschools.org website. Three areas of concern about JBAB are; staff is instructed NOT to notify parents of a student's preferred gender identity at school, JBAB COMPELS speech for teachers and other students, and it allows all students to have ACCESS to the restroom that corresponds to their gender identity. It is not a required policy. Extensive anti-bullying policies exist to deal with bullying of all types of ANY student. The school is to provide a non-hostile environment for all students. JBAB policy undermines that ideal. The school board surveyed staff to see whether they approve this policy. Those anonymous replies and some written comments by the staff were read at the last meeting. The atmosphere took on the feel of something like the Salem witch trials when two community members declared that ANY teacher who had ANY misgivings about the current JBAB policy ought to be fired immediately since they are unsafe for students to be around!! To continue the dystopian thought-police theme of the evening, one of the board members added her opinion; THOSE employees need to be shown the door!! The collective ignorance of our basic freedoms in that room was truly staggering. The diversity and inclusion, so highly valued in educational circles, obviously does NOT include diversity of thought. All dissenters will be squashed. That meeting was not recorded, but the next meeting is scheduled to be recorded. Please if you pay taxes and if you value freedom of conscience and if you think parents and teachers working together is best for students, email the superintendent and the school board chair. *Diane Rider*

Help Wanted

Come, be part of our rewarding ministry here at **Vintage Hill, LLC!** Our small loving staff is dedicated in working together to serve our seasoned citizens as we assist in their activities of daily living while striving to promote independence.

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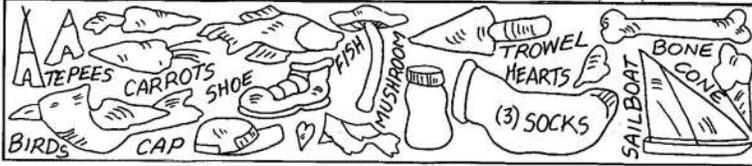
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