

PITTSFIELD POST

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Just remember the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart. *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg

December 14, 2022

2021-2022 Sportsmanship Award



Recently, Pittsfield was awarded the 2021-2022 Sportsmanship Runner-Up Banner for all of Division IV. This is the second Sportsmanship Banner Pittsfield has been awarded in the last six years, when they received the Championship Banner for the 2015-2016 season. NH Interscholastic Athletic Association Sportsmanship Awards are presented annually to schools who have demonstrated a high degree of sportsmanship throughout the year. *Jay Darrah, Pittsfield School District Athletic Director*

Dear Pittsfield Community,

We are a PMHS learning studio that is focused on self-care. As part of our learning studio we would like to collect donations of self-care items to add to the food pantry at the high school. We have placed collection boxes at Danis Market, the Town Hall, the Pittsfield Library, Northway Bank and Pittsfield Youth Workshop. You can also drop donations off at either PES or PMHS.

We will be collecting donations until December 20, 2022, when we will bring them back to PMHS to sort and fill up the PMHS food pantry personal care shelves.

Donations may include, but are not limited to:

- Dental products – toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss
- Hair products – shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, comb, hair ties
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Body wash, soap (male & female)
- Chapstick
- Lotion
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Shaving supplies (male & female)

Thank you for supporting our self-care learning studio and the PMHS community. *PMHS Self-Care Learning Studio*

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays the **PITTSFIELD POST** will not be published on December 28, 2022 and January 4, 2023

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Shining Bright Christmas Concert: The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, are pleased to present a Christmas concert on Friday, December 16, at 7 pm. This special one-hour concert will include many of your favorite Christmas songs and some new ones! Feel free to wear your favorite Christmas attire to the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to include this lovely evening of music in your holiday plans and invite your friends! Parking and wheelchair accessible entrance are located at the rear of the church. For more information call 603 435-7471.

The Pittsfield Players present "A Dickens Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts" on Friday & Saturday, December 16 & 17 at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 17 at 2pm at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St. To purchase tickets, please visit the Players Website www.pittsfieldplayers.org or Facebook page.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a House Decorating Contest for the Holidays! All Pittsfield residents and businesses are invited to Participate. Prizes for the top 3 Decorated houses. To register, call or text Kathy at 603-833-1434. Judging will be Friday December 16.

The Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop will be performing the classic high school musical Grease this season, and co-directors Maye Hart and Dee Dee Douglas will be holding auditions at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield, on Monday and Tuesday December 19 and 20, at 4 pm each day. The show will rehearse throughout January and will be performed on February 23, 24 and 25. We'll be looking for kids to fill 8 girl's roles (4 major) and 9 guy's parts (5 major) and there's room for a large chorus. We'll also be looking for kids (and parents) to work behind the scenes in lighting, sound, and set construction and painting. There's even a chance to build a great Greased Lightning car! More information on what songs to prepare for auditions are available on our website www.pittsfieldplayers.org! The Kids' Theater Workshop is open to kids ages 8 to 18 and is designed to teach kids all aspects of theater – acting,

singing, dance, as well as the technical side such as lighting, set design and construction, set decoration and painting, and backstage management.

The Town of 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 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.

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, the donor-advised fund is administered by the NH Charitable Foundation. The fund's 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

Congratulations to Olivia Cunningham for entering the BEST Decorated Wreath at the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration! Congratulations to David St. George on being selected as the winner of the Fresh Christmas Tree!

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone that helped to make the annual Christmas Celebration a wonderful success. The Chamber sponsors the event but it takes many organizations and volunteers to make it happen. Special thanks to PES PTO, Pittsfield Elementary & High Schools, Suncook Valley Rotary Club, Pittsfield Parks & Recreation, Pittsfield Youth Workshop- Zach Powers & Laurie Sweeney, Josiah Carpenter Library- Melissa Babcock & Heather Dunigan, Corinthian Lodge #82, Roberta Maxfield & Robin O'Malley -Park St. Baptist Church, Mike Wolfe and crew, PMHS Girls & Boys Basketball teams, Victory Workers 4-H Club, Bruce, Stacy and Samantha Locke, Joe Darrah, Mark Riel and Trent D., Louie Houle, Stan Bailey, Carole Richardson and Fuzz Freese, Bob Giegerich, Sanderson Trust Fund, Pittsfield Highway Dept, Granite Image, Pittsfield Players, Pittsfield Fire Dept & Firefighters Association, Circle of Home & Family, Pittsfield Police Dept, Jay & Heidi Darrah, Suncook Valley Area Lions Club, Pittsfield Clothes Closet, Pittsfield's Main St. Variety, Paul Rogers, and Clayton Wood. Happy Holidays to ALL!

School Board Update

We have had busy agendas at our meetings as of late, and our meeting on December 1 was no exception. The Board heard from Mr. Wiley from PES about the many exciting happenings at the elementary school including a successful food drive and a recent Whole School Morning Meeting (WSMM) where students partnered to write letters of gratitude to soldiers and veterans. The Board next heard from Mr. Hamilton about the behavioral data at PMHS, the recent *I am College Bound, I Applied Campaign* and an update about the upcoming NEASC accreditation visit this March.

Both building level administrators discussed recent state testing data with the Board. Mr. Wiley shared the work of PES teachers and staff from their inservice work on Wednesday, November 16. The faculty and staff participated in a data dive into the previous three years of state testing data. From this information, teams created SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) to address specific needs and goals at each grade level. The Board is grateful to Mr. Hamilton for his thorough presentation of the data for PMHS. He contextualized the results and gave concrete short-term and long-term solutions to address the testing results.

While the Board posted amended language to the JBAB, Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students policy prior to the meeting, the Board agreed that both the public and the Board needed more time to review those changes prior to voting. A draft of these proposed changes is available, as a viewable Google Doc, on the link for our district policies.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, mgoggin@pittsfieldnhschools.org
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PMHS Student Spotlight

My name is Garrett Mullen, I am a member of the class of 2023. I enrolled in PMHS at the end of August from Prospect Mountain high school. I have been more successful in school because of the support I am receiving from my teachers and paraprofessionals. I am really enjoying my experiences here in Panther Country. When I graduate, I want to follow in my father's footsteps and become a firefighter for the town of Pittsfield. I am very excited and grateful that I have been accepted into Lakes Region Community College to begin working toward my Associates Degree in Fire Science and will also be pursuing my EMT certification at LRCC.

Webinar with NH School Funding Lawsuit Lawyers

On December 15 at 6pm on Zoom the School Funding Fairness Project is hosting a webinar we are calling "School Funding Lawsuits 101". We will be joined by John Tobin and Natalie Laflamme, two of the lawyers representing the taxpayer plaintiffs in the ongoing *Rand v State of New Hampshire* lawsuit. They will be covering the main arguments of the case, and what to expect over the coming months. There will also be some background on the past court rulings that have gotten the State to where it is today with two active school funding lawsuits against it.

This is a public event. More information and the sign up form to receive the Zoom link can be found at <https://fairfundingnh.org/events/> *Noah Telerski*,
NH School Funding Fairness Project



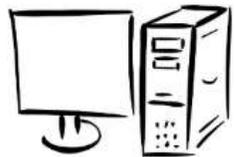
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To our constituents in Chichester and Pittsfield,

On December 7, we were sworn in as your State Representatives. This meeting was critical because the official count was 201-198 Republicans/Democrats with 1 tie - the tightest majority in the history of the NH House! We voted for Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) as Speaker of the House (205-184 with some democratic votes). The Republicans now officially have majority control, with Jason Osborn (R-Auburn), as the majority leader, and Matt Wilham (D-Manchester), as the minority leader.

The next order of business required a joint session with the Senate to elect the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. We voted to re-elect David Scanlan for Secretary of State, who won against Melanie Levesque, a former State Senator (237-175). Of special interest was Valerie McDonnell (R-Salem), who seconded the nomination. She is the youngest member of the NH House at 18! An honor that also gave her the call to lead the pledge at the beginning of the session. State Treasurer Monica Mezzapella was uncontested. The joint session was closed.

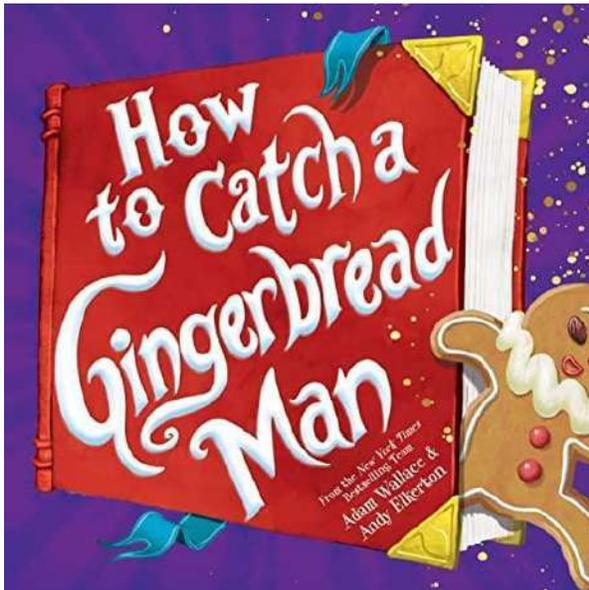
The last order of business dealt with the tie: Chuck Grassie (D-Rochester) and David Walker (R-Rochester) tied after the recount! We met with Secretary of State Scanlan the day before the session to understand the process. The House gets to decide! Some options are the House votes to break the tie or order a special election. A coin toss could also resolve it. A motion was made to pass HB 6, which would call a special election. After an attempt to table the bill failed by a roll call vote (votes recorded by representative), HB 6 passed by a simple voice vote (vote count not known). These items were the important business of the day. Believe it or not, our total time as a Representative went from 8:00am - 8:00pm, with our time at the House being a 7-hour first day! We want to thank Representative Carol McGuire for inspiring our newsletter that will be available on our website ClaytonCyril4House.com. Please visit and sign up to receive our newsletter by email! We will do our best to keep you informed. *Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*

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A LOCAL
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AUTHOR VISIT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022
5:30-6:30PM

Join us for a visit from Joanne Randall
as she shares stories about making her
book series- *Adventures of Largo*
** light refreshments will also be provided **

The Adventures of
LARGO
& Jack
By Joanne Randall

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Get in the Holiday Spirit with JCL!

The Josiah Carpenter Library has once again partnered with Pittsfield Head Start to bring you the Christmas StoryWalk, *How to Catch a Gingerbread Man*.

The famous storybook character has magically come to life and leapt from the pages during story time! Follow along as the Gingerbread Man runs loose in a bookstore with the help of Robin Hood, Sherlock Holmes, Peter Rabbit, nursery rhyme characters, and more! If you set the right traps, you might...just might be able to catch this wily cookie and finish the fairy tale!

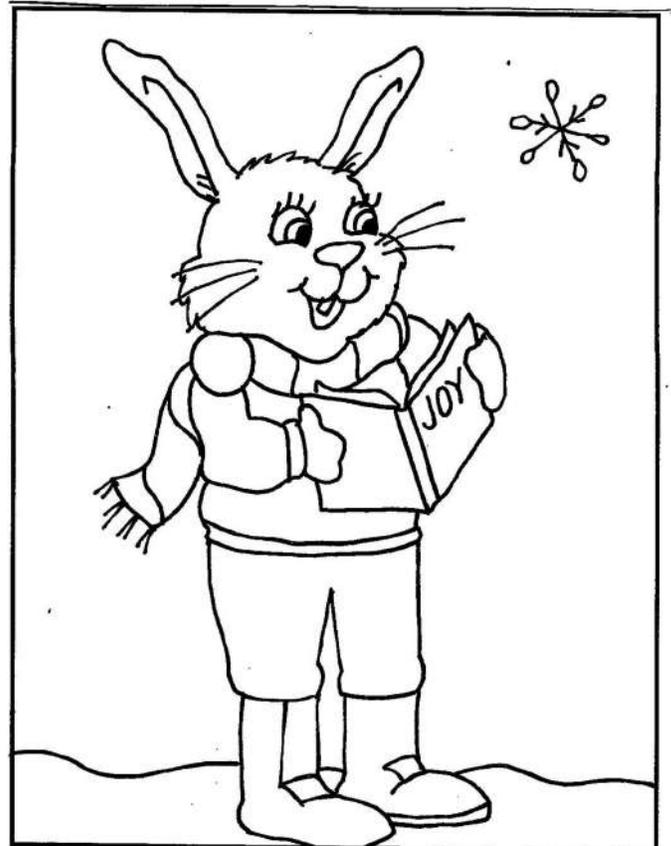
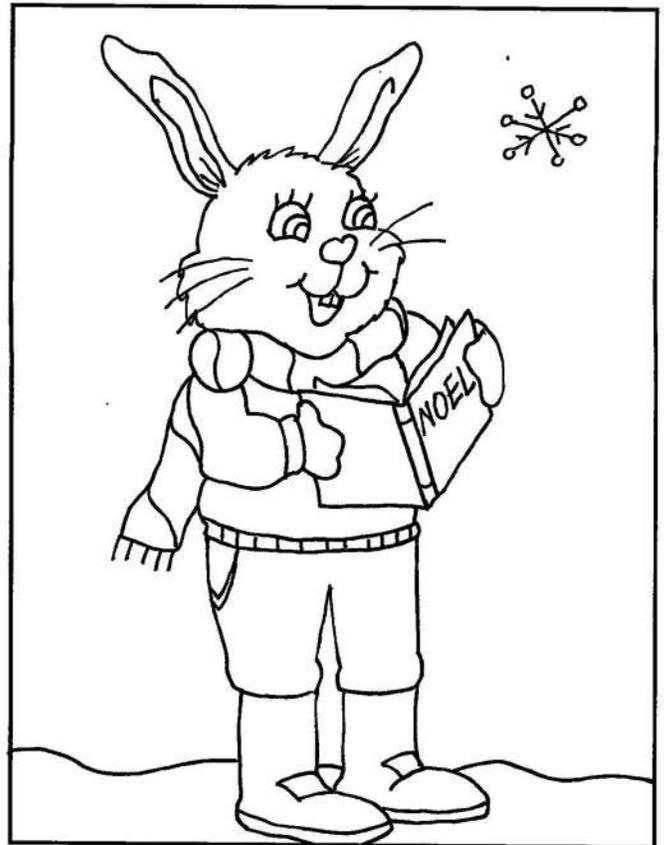
Filled with zany STEAM traps, a silly story, and fun illustrations, this hilarious picture book is a perfect holiday story for parents, educators, and kids of all ages!

Families can pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the story, stop in to pick up a FREE GIFT!

A special thank you to Pittsfield Head Start for collaborating with us to make this month's StoryWalk@possible. If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide StoryWalk® this year, please let us know! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story.

For more books about Christmas and Gingerbread, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10-5, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2 to check out our holiday selections. *Melissa Babcock*

FIND THE DIFFERENCES
Can you find 15 different things on these singing rabbits?



Answers on page eight.



Cook's Corner

Boursin Mashed Potatoes & Herbed Crescent Roll Pinwheels

I'm sure you have your main dish in mind for Christmas dinner, but in case you're looking for some different sides, here are two that are sure to please. These mashed potatoes with Boursin cheese are absolutely divine! And the herbed crescent rolls are amazing. I know you will love these, they're both elegant additions to your table. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

Boursin Mashed Potatoes

1 & ½ lbs russet potatoes

1 & ½ lbs Yukon gold potatoes

1 cup whole milk

4 TBSP butter, cut into pieces

2 (2.5 oz) packages Boursin garlic & herb cheese, divided

2 large eggs

Heat oven to 425. Peel and cut potatoes into 2-inch chunks. To a large pot, add potatoes, salt and enough cold water to cover potatoes by 2 inches. Partially cover the potatoes and heat to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, until potatoes are very tender. Drain potatoes well and return to pot.

To a microwave-safe bowl, add milk, butter and ½ tsp salt. Microwave for 1 to 2 minutes, until milk is simmering and butter is melted. Add milk mixture to the potatoes and mash with a potato masher until smooth. If making this ahead of time, refrigerate the potatoes and wait to complete final steps until the next day.

In a medium bowl, whisk 1 Boursin cheese until fluffy, gradually adding 1 egg at a time to fully combine (adding both eggs). Add the cheese mixture to the potatoes and stir well to incorporate. Season with salt & pepper. Transfer mixture to a lightly greased 2 quart baking casserole. Place the remaining Boursin cheese in the center of the dish. Bake for 30 minutes until fluffy and warmed throughout.

Herbed Crescent Roll Pinwheels

¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped

2 TBSP fresh rosemary, chopped

2 TBSP fresh oregano, chopped

6 TBSP butter, softened

1 tsp garlic, minced

1 (8oz) tube refrigerated crescent rolls

Heat oven to 400. Chop the parsley, rosemary and oregano (or use a mini-chop machine). In a small bowl, mix the softened butter, herbs and garlic. Season with salt & pepper.

On a large sheet of parchment paper, unroll the crescent roll dough, firmly pressing on the perforations to create 1 large sheet of dough. Spread the herb mixture over the dough. Starting from the short side of the dough, roll up jelly-roll style. Using a serrated knife, cut the dough into ½ inch thick pieces. If dough is too soft to slice, place in the fridge for 30 minutes until firm.

Arrange the slices on a parchment paper lined rimmed baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes, until golden brown.

You can double the herbed butter mixture if you like and serve it on the side.



Post-It in the Post

Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work! Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Info: www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad.

Guidelines and order forms are located at

www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Pittsfield HS Athletes Receive Statewide Recognition

At the completion of the Fall season some PMHS Panthers athletes were awarded divisional recognition for their outstanding play this past fall. Congratulations to Tiffany Boucher who received all conference recognition for the Southern Section of Division IV. We had two Panthers that were recognized on the All State Teams for Division IV. Congratulations to Parker Clark who was recognized as Honorable Mention and Briar Bell who was awarded Second Team honors. Pittsfield was also recently awarded the 2021-2022 Runner-Up Division IV Sportsmanship Banner.

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
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Winterfest Announcement

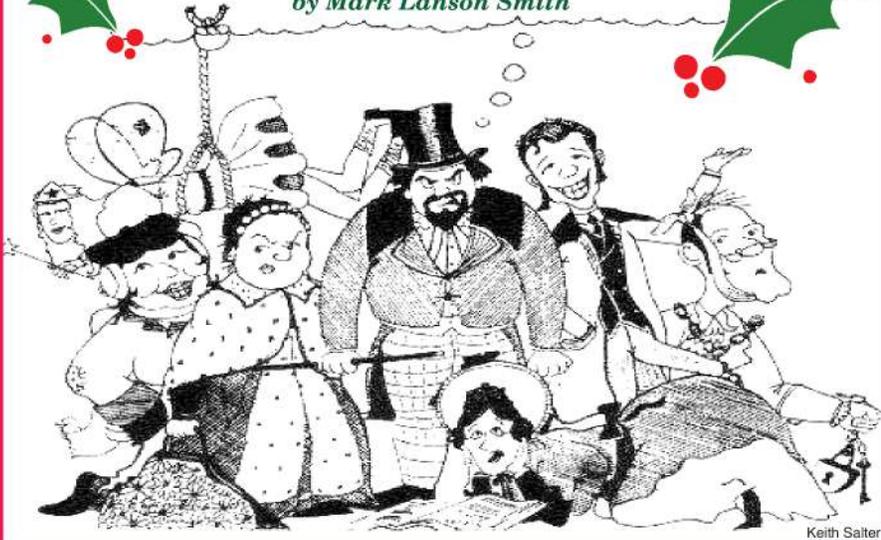
The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission Has decided that there will be no Winterfest Celebration this year because of low attendance last year. We're sorry if this is disappointing to some, but we felt it was not good use of town funds. This decision will be reconsidered next year, if the activities are missed.



The Pittsfield Players
present

A Dicken's Christmas Carol

A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts
by Mark Lanson Smith



Directed by Marty Williams

Produced with special arrangement by Samuel French, Inc

December 16 & 17 at 7:30 PM

December 18 at 2:00 PM

General Seating. Tickets \$15

For Reservations call 603-435-8852

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via Ticketleap, or at the door.

(The Pittsfield Players now accept credit cards via Square at the door)

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Boot bottom

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Jacket waistband

Snowflake

Fringe on scarf

Neckscarf angle