

PITTSFIELD POST

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"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together." - Vesta M. Kelly

January 18, 2023

Information on Electric and Heating Assistance Programs

We suspect many of our constituents will qualify for the energy assistance program. Please read the message from the NH Department of Energy below. You can find the information with links on ClaytonCyril4House.com
Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood

NH Department of Energy Message: Granite Staters are seeing higher energy bills due to the current high energy prices for heating and electricity. Energy markets worldwide are volatile, and the higher prices we are seeing are the result of an energy supply crunch brought about by increased energy usage as the economy recovers from the COVID pandemic, uncertainties stemming from the ongoing war in Ukraine, and inflation. Although we cannot control these factors, the State of New Hampshire offers a number of assistance programs that are administered through the Community Action Agencies. Interested households should contact their local Community Action Agency at www.capnh.org

Who is Eligible?

Households with incomes between 60% and 75% of the state median income may qualify for:

- A one-time credit of \$450 for heating assistance.
- A one-time credit of \$200 on electric bills.

Households with incomes below 60% of State Median Income may be eligible for assistance through:

- [Fuel Assistance Program](#) – provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs.
- [Electric Assistance Program](#) – provides eligible customers with a discount on their monthly electric bills.

Income eligibility is based on family size and gross annual income. The chart below shows the maximum gross annual income guidelines for 75% of State Median income.

Family of 1	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	Family of 7	Family of 8
\$ 48,711	\$ 63,699	\$ 78,688	\$ 93,676	\$ 108,664	\$ 123,653	\$ 126,463	\$ 129,274

American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 Collecting Names of Personnel for Dustin Park War Memorial Wall

The American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 is working with the Pittsfield Town Selectmen to update the Dustin Park War Memorial Wall. We are currently in the process of collecting names of personnel who served in the military, honorably in all wars including Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991) and the Global War on Terror (2001- to present).

The criteria to add a name to 'The Wall', is a copy of the service member's Form DD-214 and must reflect their home of record as Pittsfield NH. If you meet this criteria or have a relative that served and meets this criteria, please submit a copy of the service member's Form DD-214 to the Town Administrator, Town Hall, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield NH 03263 / Ph: (603) 435-6773: Fax (603) 435-7922. If you have any questions please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346

pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

The little free libraries here in Pittsfield have been stocked with donations from 4-H members as well as contributions from members of the community....they are located in the laundromats at Bell Brothers and Danis Supermarket. Please help yourself to some books for your family.

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. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person, please contact us.

Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm at the Historical Society on Oak Street.

Pittsfield Players are holding auditions for their next show "The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-Time" on Sunday, January 22 & Monday, January 23 at 7 pm at the Scenic Theater, 6 Depot St. The cast needed is 13 Men & Women for this production, so spread the word to your friends and family! Come prepared to read from the script upon arrival!

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

PYW is back to its school year Drop-In hours! Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday Drop-In is from 3-6pm & Wednesday is from 1-6pm. PYW is open to youth grades 6th-12th. Stop in and check it out – there are lots of great activities and fun trips! For more information, contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at (call) 435-8272, (text) 234-9788 or email at

info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

The Senior Center needs volunteers! The areas needed are preparing items for the community meal, setting up for the meals, washing dishes, or helping with crafts. Training is provided, if interested please call 435-8482. The work is easy and gratifying and only takes two hours a week.

Victory Workers 4-H & The Dowboro Farm have created a farm stand at 615 Dowboro Road in Pittsfield! The Young Entrepreneurs Program gave 4-Hers the opportunity to apply for grant money to start our own businesses. The farm stand is a great place for us to be able to sell our products. We have an abundance of homemade items and fresh vegetables for sale. The participants of the program are helping run the farm stand, and we are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:30- 6:00.

Happy Birthday wishes (belated) to Christine Dunne on January 8 and Max Tuttle on January 10; to Nate Davis and to my brother-in-law, Peter Karwocki on Monday (January 16) and to Bob Wharem on Thursday. I hope you all enjoy your special day. A very special Happy 60th Birthday wish to my fabulous husband, Mark Riel on Thursday. Cheers to another year!

Supervisors of the Checklist Session

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, January 24 at the Town Hall from 7pm to 7:30pm to register new voters and make any necessary corrections. Change in party affiliation will be accepted at this session. PLEASE NOTE: This is the last day to register or make corrections before the filing period for town and school district offices.

Supervisors of the Checklist : *Roberta Maxfield, Elizabeth Hast, Ammy Ramsey*

Mark Your Calendars!

American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, February 24, 2023 Joy Church

The blood drive will be from 1:00pm - 6:00pm at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (800)733-2767 or visit their website redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Historical Notes Pittsfield's Little Drummer Boy

Described as a boy full of fun and frolic, great wit, adventure, and a lover of music, this young boy, Bradbury Green, at age 15, enlisted in Colonel Poor's Regiment at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, later serving in several others. He was eyewitness to most of the events of the war, including the Battle of Bunker Hill, the capture of Burgoyne near Saratoga, and the surrender of General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Perhaps he was most widely known for his performance at the execution of the British spy, John Andre, for involvement with the traitor, Benedict Arnold. The story is told that Mr. Green was the drum major at the execution. On the way to the gallows, Andre began to falter and seemed to lose his composure as he walked to the Dead Man's March. He asked for it to be played faster, and Mr. Green accommodated him. Andre was able to regain his composure and died bravely.

During the war Bradbury Green was captured by the British and, while a prisoner, was assigned all kinds of menial tasks by an officer. One day, while shining the officer's boots, he noticed his own brother's name inside. The brother was a shoemaker in Boston. Brad then taunted the officer by threatening to steal the boots made by his brother.

To protect against a possible escape, the officer would not let him walk about with his hat and coat. But young Green bided his time and one morning when he was sent to get a jug of milk, he noticed a horse grazing near the road. It had no saddle or bridle but thinking quickly, Brad took off his garters, tied them together, and placed them in the horse's mouth. He jumped aboard and was off in a flash. He rode hard all day and as evening approached, the horse turned into a farmer's yard. The owner came out and quizzed him about the horse and where he got it. Brad told his story, and they had a great laugh that the British had originally stolen the horse and now it had been returned. The next day the man gave him a coat and hat and loaned him a horse so that he could get back to the American lines. He was never wounded, but a British musket ball once pierced his drum.

After the war he married a girl from New York and returned to Pittsfield. He lived in the "low" house below Berry Pond Road and became religiously devout. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Knowlton's Corner and became one of its preachers, starting his sermons with, "Do as old Brad says, and not as old Brad does." He passed away in 1825 at age 65 and is buried in the Old Meetinghouse Cemetery. *Larry Berkson*

Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission

Recently we were informed that the building at the pool area was broken into and a variety of stuff was taken. If anyone has information regarding this, please contact the Parks and Rec Commission at 603-290-4068. We would like to know what has been done about this and because it involves juveniles, the police are unwilling to share any information. Any assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated. *Minni Plante and the Parks and Recreation Commission*

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Goods

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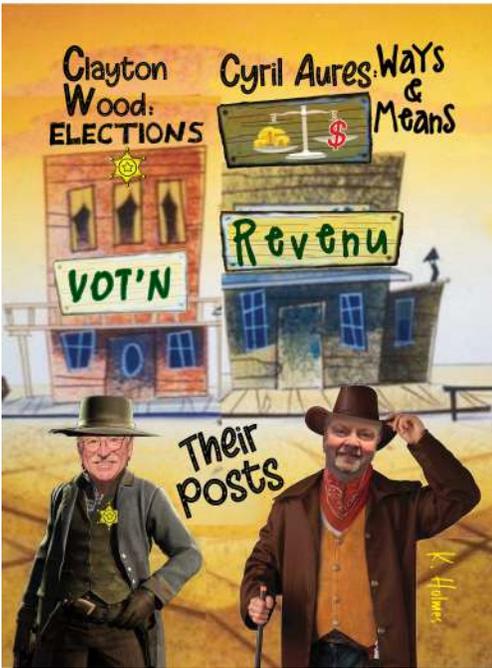


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cindyshairaffair2020@gmail.com





Constitutional Conservatives Ayres & Wood represented our Chichester - Pittsfield constituents on January 4th in Legislative Hall @ the State House. The session's main focus was the House Rules and amendments that would be in effect for the 2023 and 2024 legislation years. Rules can have an interesting way of changing the playing field by providing or eliminating advantages (at least in the minds of their sponsors). So maintaining our advantage for our ultra-slim majority was our mission. Four amendments are worthy of discussion.

House Rule 22 (Rep Wilhelm D): Amended would allow House Legislators to vote for an absent Legislator via Proxy Voting. This rule amendment was defeated 204 to 171. If I am "unable to attend a session due to medical condition, illness, or illness in the family," I notify "the clerk with the name of the member casting the votes on my behalf." We were against this bill since it was very difficult to understand how to preserve the integrity of the vote when the

Legislator was absent. Also, the bill can be amended, or the vote outcome (pass, table, kill) can be changed on the floor. The absent Legislator would not know.

House Rule 31 (Rep Ebel D): Allowing virtual attendance to Committee meetings.

This rule amendment was defeated 195 to 180. There was testimony that during the Covid emergency, this practice proved to be far from how the House should conduct its business, especially when holding public hearings. Before the committee discuss a bill, the session is open to public testimony that allows the public to have input on how they would like the committee to vote. We were against this bill.

House Rule 58 (Rep Dutzy D): Remove the word Prayer and replace it with Invocation.

This rule amendment was defeated 190 to 183. A prayer is part of the opening of the legislative day. If someone would like an invocation, nothing is preventing that request. We voted against this bill.

House Rule 64 (Rep Wilhelm D): Concerning the carry or possession of any deadly weapon. The Legislator could be disciplined, arrested, or both if found to have a weapon. This change would not allow Legislators to carry weapons for self-defense, including concealed carry of a firearm. This rule amendment was defeated 197 to 177. The Supreme Court ruled in June 2022 that the second amendment protected the right to carry in public. We believe that a House rule does not take priority over a constitutional right and voted against this bill.

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PITTSFIELD TOWN FILING NOTICE

Declarations of Candidacy for elected Town Office positions will begin on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and expire on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:00PM. You may file at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main Street during regular business hours. The office will remain open until 5:00PM on February 3rd. The declaration forms will also be available to download from the Town website: www.pittsfieldnh.gov

Selectman 1 (3) year term

Town Treasurer 1 (3) year term

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 (3) year term

Library Trustee 1 (3) year term

Cemetery Trustee 1 (3) year term

Planning Board 1 (3) year term

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 (3) year term

Erica Anthony, Town Clerk

Benjamin Franklin Academy

Chartered, Public School

157 Chichester Rd., Loudon, NH

Anticipated Opening 2023 - Grades 6-8

You and your child are welcome to attend any one of our local information meetings during January & February to see if BFA is a good fit for your family's academic needs. Meeting dates will be updated on our website as they are scheduled, and any cancellations due to weather issues will be listed there as well.

Information Meeting Dates:

- January 18 at Gilmanton Year-Round Library in Gilmanton, 6-7:30 pm
- January 25 at Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Barnstead, 6-7:30 pm
- January 31 at Pittsfield Community Center in Pittsfield, 6-7:30 pm
- February 9 at Concord Parks & Rec Center in Concord, 6-7:30 pm
- February 16 at Maxfield Public Library in Loudon, 6-7:00 pm
- February 23 at Epsom Public Library in Epsom, 6-7:30 pm

Visit us at: www.BenjaminFranklin.Academy Email: info@BenjaminFranklin.Academy Phone: 603.325.7688
Find Us on Facebook! *Diane Rider* for BFA

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FILING NOTICE

Declarations of Candidacy for elected School District positions will begin on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and expire on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:00pm. You may file at the office of the School District Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main Street during regular business hours. The office will remain open until 5PM on February 3rd. The declaration form will also be available to download from the Town and School District websites – www.pittsfieldnh.gov and www.pittsfieldnhschools.org/

School Board Member 2 (3) year term

School District Treasurer 1 (3) year term

Erica Anthony, School District Clerk

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Help Wanted

Resident ADL Assistant: Vintage Hill, LLC is seeking per diem help (average 1-2 shifts / week) for all aspects of keeping a home (preparing and serving meals, medication supervision, hygiene support, housekeeping and laundry). Looking for a compassionate individual with strong organizational skills (particularly in the kitchen), a heart for serving the elderly and the ability to work independently. Salary depends on experience, in addition to a \$4.00/hour weekend differential. To apply, download application on our website (www.vintagehill.net) and return by e-mail (vintagehill@metrocast.net) or drop off at 10 Berry Avenue, Pittsfield.



Cook's Corner

MP's Seafood Chowder

I've been working on this recipe over time and it has finally evolved to a really hearty, tasty chowder. It looks like a long list of ingredients, but I promise you, each one is key to the overall bowl of goodness. Don't skip the step of making the shrimp broth, it only takes a few minutes but makes a big flavor difference. This will make a nice sized batch, serving 4 to 6 people easily; but it also freezes well, so don't worry about leftovers. I usually serve this with hot crusty rolls and a simple salad of greens dressed with a homemade vinaigrette, but you could also make this a more substantial meal by pairing this chowder with a fish filet sammie. Bon appetit!

MP Christakos

½ lb raw, shell-on shrimp
½ lb bay scallops (the little ones)
½ lb cod fillet, cut into chunks
2 cans (6.5 oz) clams in juice, one drained, the other keep the juice
2 TBSP olive oil
2 shallots, minced
1 sweet red bell pepper, chopped
¾ lb small red potatoes, halved or quartered
3 TBSP flour
½ tsp salt
2 cups Half & Half (fat free is fine)
2 TBSP cooking sherry
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
1 can condensed cream of shrimp soup
10 oz frozen corn, thawed
Oyster crackers and chopped fresh chives for serving

Peel the shrimp and place shells in a medium saucepan. Add 2 & ½ cups water and season with salt, pepper and some garlic powder. Cover and bring to a simmer, cook for 10 minutes. Drain the shells, but reserve the shrimp broth.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large stock pot, add shallots and red bell pepper, and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in potatoes and cook for 1 minute. Strain liquid only from one can of clams into the potatoes (reserving the clams for later). Add shrimp shell broth, bring to another simmer and cook for 10 minutes.

While the potato mixture cooks, whisk flour, salt, Half & Half, cayenne pepper and cooking sherry until smooth.

Stir raw shrimp, scallops, cod and reserved clams plus clams from other can (drained) into the potato mixture. Add the Half & Half mixture, condensed soup and thawed corn. Simmer for 4 to 5 minutes until the seafood is cooked through and the soup is hot.

Serve with chopped fresh chives and oyster crackers, or hot, crusty rolls. Be sure to put out the black pepper grinder too.

Pittsfield School Board Update

Our last meeting was a (relatively) short public session. Both principals brought forward updates about the happenings of PES and PMHS.

Mr. Wiley shared behavioral data with the Board to illustrate the incidents of behaviors that were occurring at PES, where those behaviors were occurring and what consequences were assigned for those behaviors. Mr. Wiley also shared an update on the PES Curriculum Committee's work around the ELA (English Language Arts) curriculum.

Mr. Hamilton updated the Board about final exams for 11th and 12th graders as well as some recent guidance department events to support seniors and their families in college and career planning. Mr. Hamilton also applauded the Student Council's work around Spirit month activities and celebrated the PMHS Drama Club's successful performances of Christmas Eve Chaos. Some upcoming events, noted by Mr. Hamilton, include winter concerts next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights for both PES and PMHS students.

Superintendent Lane updated the Board on his work with the Budget Committee while they review the School Budget. Ms. Adams, the School Board representative on the Budget Committee has also been hard at work serving as a liaison between the two boards. We appreciate her efforts.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 19 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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14 Local Social Service Agencies, Food Pantries and Churches Receive Donated Food

Naughty Dog! Find Ten Differences

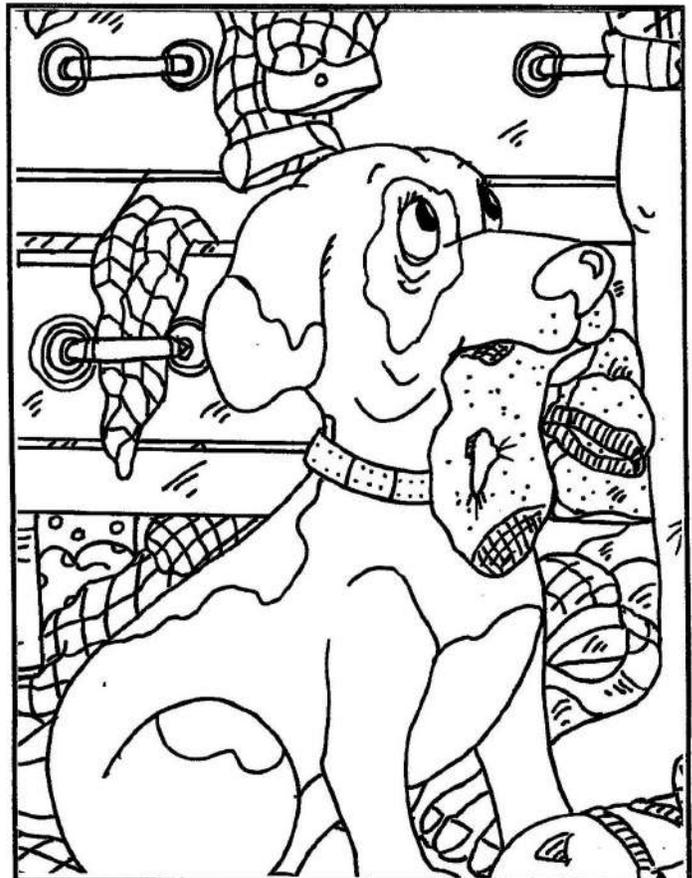
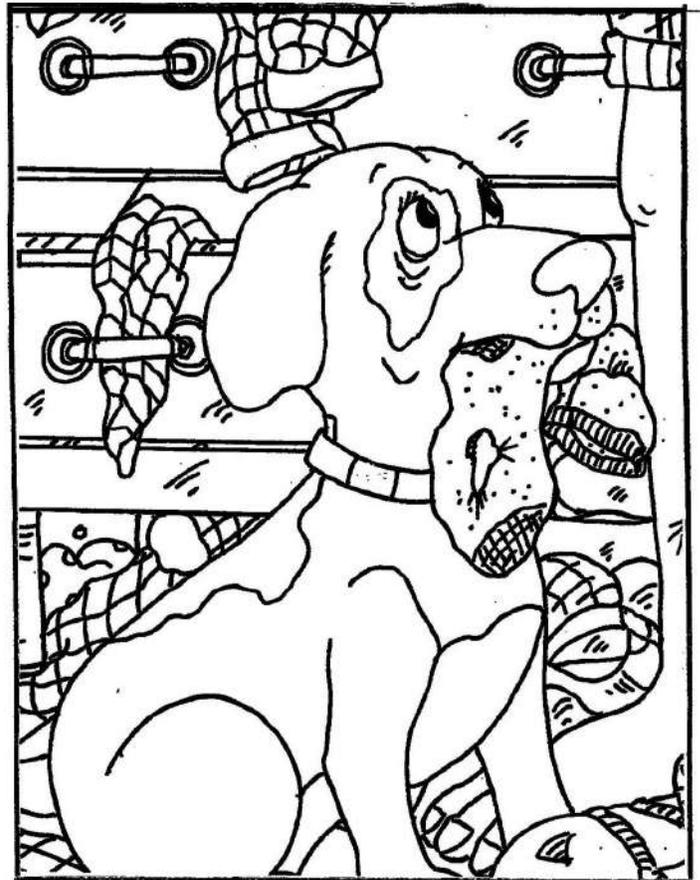
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CONCORD, NH – The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) distributed over 2.4955 tons of nonperishable food items to 14 area social service agencies, food pantries and churches as part of the program's Year Round Distribution Project (YRDP) on Tuesday, January 10.

CRFP partner agencies receiving food as part of the distribution included:

Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Capitol Food Pantry, Christ the King Food Pantry, CityHope Food Pantry at CenterPoint Food Pantry, Concord Housing Authority, Concord Human Services, Epsom Food Pantry, Friends of Forgotten Children, Merrimack Valley Day Care, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, Suncook CAP, Warner Connects NH and West Congregational Food Pantry.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups are distributed at no cost to participating partner agencies. For a complete listing of partner agencies supported by the CRFP's Year-Round Distribution Project efforts, visit capitalregionfoodprogram.org CRFP



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Prospect Mountain Drama Club Presents: "Exhibit This!" The Museum Comedies

Directed by Meggin Dail, Assisted by Jay Sydow

January 19 and 21, 7:30 PM at Prospect Mountain High School

Touted as "The Metropolitan Museum of Art Comes To Life!" *Exhibit This!* Is a show sure to remind you of "Night at the Museum" with so much more. A bit of a "thinking person's comedy" the comedy of "Exhibit This!" sneaks up on you, confounds you and takes you for a ride of the imagination.

The stars of "Exhibit This!" include some past performers from *Little Shop of Horrors*; Teagan McCausland, Katie Healy, Roman Coculo, Lexie Booker and Paige Caruso, as well as many new faces; Matthew Bonner, Avery MaHanes, Solomon Durgan, Alyssa Irving, Rosemarie Morrill, and Natasha Kharitonov (though we're sure you've seen their faces on other stages before!) There are a couple "guest stars" as well! Behind the scenes are the incomparable William LaGraize, Chris Tedcastle on lights, and Vicki Cowser, and Sam Taber on sound.

The audience will be amused when one of our tour guides seems to have an emotional epiphany right in front of us as she explains various works of art to a rather unamused group of tourists. Several paintings come to life and fight, complain, and bemoan their actual existence. Romantic themes engage painters with their paintings and create unusual love triangles to be sorted out; while one particular work of art wants out of the museum completely and gets taken down by automatron society. These skits and monologues are put together as a cohesive unit allowing the actors to play many roles and themes. While we're sure the audience will have a rollicking good laugh, don't be surprised if you find yourself learning something too.

Tickets are available at the door the evenings of the shows or by reserving ahead of time by calling the school at 603-875-8200. *Meggin Dail*

ANSWERS:

- Button on sleeve cuff
- Cuff on sleeve
- Collar
- Spot on ear
- Spot on leg
- Polka dots on clothes
- Mark on dog's cheek
- Nose
- Handle on dresser
- Plaid design behind dog.



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

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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

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