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"January is the perfect time to focus on your priorities and set goals. Happy January." - *Anonymous*

January 11, 2023

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Thank you for your support. *Liz Dimmick* for the *POST Volunteers*

Covid-19 Booster Clinic January 12

The Capital Area Public Health Network is hosting a COVID-19 Booster Clinic that is open to students, staff, and community members on Thursday, Jan. 12, at Pittsfield Middle High School. If you are interested in receiving a Pfizer bivalent booster vaccination, please reach out to the PMHS Health Services (603-435-6701 x1114) to schedule an appointment. *PMHS*

Budget Committee Public Hearing

The Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7pm at the PMHS Lecture Hall. The snow date is Friday, January 13. Please plan to attend and ask any questions about the Town of Pittsfield and Pittsfield School District budgets. *The Pittsfield Budget Committee*

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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 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

Pittsfield Senior Center, 55 Barnstead Rd.
Wednesday, January 11, at 10:30am: Crafts - Looking for some ideas or a new friend to craft with? Maybe you need some material for your quilt? Or a different size needle to knit with? Crafting is always better with friends! Thursday, January 12, 11am: ServiceLink - Do you have a problem that you can't seem to find help solving? Then come in and talk to our local ServiceLink representative. ServiceLink is an Aging and Disability Resource Center. It is your link to information and support services within your community. The 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 603-435-8482.

The Victory Workers 4-H group and The Dowboro Farm have created a farm stand at 615 Dowboro Road in Pittsfield. They have an abundance of homemade items and fresh vegetables for sale. The participants of the program are helping run the farm stand, and it is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:30am- 6pm.

Joy Church will host a free Community Breakfast on Saturday, January 14, from 8:30-9:30am. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday wishes (some are belated!) to Denis Guy on December 27, Susan Cormier on December 31, Merrill Vaughan on January 3, Robin Davis on January 6, Tammy Colby on January 9, Lurene Riel and Joe McHugh on January 12 and Lyn Ward on January 14. I hope you all enjoy your special day. **A very special Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary** wish to my sister & brother-in-law, Michele and Peter Karwock, on December 31. Happy Anniversary to Ed & Laurie Vien on December 31 too!



What's Up at PYW

Our first week into the New Year went by like a whirlwind. We built and tested bridges made out of toothpicks and gumdrops, we started to loom cozy hats, and our UNO Flip cards are almost worn out from being played so much! This week is special, so come join us in celebrating PYW Spirit Week! Wear the color of the day, participate in the daily activity, or just stop in to say hello and play some musical chairs with us. You'll earn raffle tickets and that'll get you entered in our giveaway. High School Only Night is also this Friday the 13th. You won't want to miss it. For more information, contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at (call) 603-435-8272, (text) 234-9788 or email at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org Laurie Sweeney

Pittsfield Players Auditions for *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* January 22 and 23

The Pittsfield Players are pleased to announce their auditions for their spring mystery play: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, directed by Meggin Dail.

The play is about a 15-year-old math whiz kid who is falsely accused of killing his neighbor's dog. Christopher, who is brilliant, but has difficulty dealing with sounds and stresses of daily life, decides to investigate the crime.

The secrets he unearths prompts him to leave his trusted teacher and home, for a life-changing train trip to London. This play is a thrilling, heartwarming adventure featuring an unforgettable young hero.

The cast has 13 members and a detailed sketch of the characters can be seen on the Player's website: pittsfieldplayers.org and click audition info.

Auditions will be held at the Scenic Theater, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield, on Sunday, Jan. 22, and Monday, Jan. 23, at 7pm. The show will be presented March 24-26. Adults and Teens are welcomed.



Cook's Corner

Roasted Red Pepper Soup & Turkey or Chicken & Pesto Sammies

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing holiday season. I'm sure you're all back to work and school and I know how crazy it can feel when you're getting back into your routine. Here are two healthy and hearty recipes that will make things easier for your weeknights. The Roasted Red Pepper Soup is a lovely bowl of goodness. It's truly a 'blender' dish, and pairs well with sammies and salads. It's not spicy, it's uncomplicated, rich and satisfying. It's also a beautiful color, appealing to all of our senses. The turkey or chicken sammies are quick and tasty. Make your soup, pull the sammies together, get out the paper plates and let this day go. Smile! Tomorrow awaits! Enjoy. *MP Christakos*

Roasted Red Pepper & Ricotta Soup

- 2 & ½ cups chicken broth
- 1 cup Ricotta cheese
- ½ cup Half & Half (fat-free is fine)
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 (16 oz) jar roasted red peppers, rinsed & coarsely chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 TBSP lemon juice
- 1/8 to ¼ tsp (or a dash) of cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp coarse salt
- 1 TBSP fresh chives, chopped

Combine first 6 ingredients in a blender and process until smooth. Pour mixture into a large saucepan and heat over medium to a simmer. Stir in lemon juice, cayenne and salt. Heat thoroughly. Serve topped with fresh chopped chives, if desired; or with a few rounds from the black pepper grinder.

Turkey or Chicken & Pesto Sammies

- 1 loaf of soft French bread or brioche rolls
 - Store-bought pesto sauce
 - Sliced deli turkey, or pre-cooked "grilled" frozen chicken patties
 - Swiss cheese, or sliced fresh buffalo Mozzarella
 - Large tomatoes, cut into thick slices
 - Red onion, thinly sliced
 - Olive oil or cooking spray
- If using frozen 'grilled' chicken patties, cook them in the microwave or oven according to package directions.

Spread the bottom and top of your bread loaf or brioche rolls with the pesto sauce. Top with either deli turkey or your cooked chicken patties, then add tomato slice, thin sliced red onion, then top with either Swiss cheese or slices of the fresh buffalo Mozzarella. Top with the other half of the bread loaf or roll.

Lightly brush olive oil over the bread, or lightly coat with cooking spray. Place the sammies on a grill pan and heat over medium low heat – pressing down on the sammies, until the bread is crisp and the cheese is melted.

To the Members of our State House

When you decide the new budget could you include money to fix and upgrade the dam holding back Lower Suncook Lake and the Parade Dam both in Barnstead, and the Mill Dam in Pittsfield. These dams belong to the state and they have been classified as high hazard dams meaning failure would result in loss of life. The age of the dams is a concern, and with the climate changing this could cause a domino effect if one were to fail. The Mother's Day flood of 2006 was due to 6 inches of rain in three days. These dams can't handle much more. The jet stream seems to be wobbling. It's only a matter of time before it stalls and causes these dams to fail. Is there any dam money? *Dan Schroth Piermarocchi*



The Pittsfield Players 2023 Season Shows
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February 23, 24, & 25 - Grease Jr.
 A musical. Directed by Maye Hart and Dee Dee Pitcher;
 Produced by Josh Crowell-Gregoire and Beth Champagne

March 23-26 - A Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night-Time
 A drama. Directed by Meggin Dail

May 19, 20 & 21 - Jack of Diamonds
 A comedy. Directed by Carole Neveaux; Produced by Jon Martin

July 28 & 29 - Popstars! The '90s Musical
 A summer theater camp musical. Directed by Bea Douglas

September 9 - Curtain Up, An Evening of Music
 A musical fundraiser. Directed by Cat Martinez; Produced by Josh Crowell-Gregoire

October/November - Suessical
 A musical. Directed by Jeff Gregoire; Produced by Meggin Dail

December - A Very Pittsfield Players Christmas
 A musical montage. Directed by Cat Martinez

Benjamin Franklin Academy Charter Approved! - Grades 6-8

The founders and supporters of Benjamin Franklin Academy Public Charter School are proud to announce that on December 8, 2022, the State of NH Board of Education unanimously voted to grant the proposed charter school approval with an anticipated opening of September 2023.

Interested in learning more about BFA? Please attend any one of the information meetings during January & February. Meeting dates will be updated at our website as they are scheduled and any cancellations due to weather issues will be listed there as well. The first two meetings are Wednesdays, but we plan to vary the evenings for the next meetings for your convenience. *Diane Rider for BFA*

January 18 at Gilmanton Year Round Library in Gilmanton 6-7:30pm

January 25 at Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Barnstead 6-7:30pm

www.benjaminfranklin.academy

Select Board Review December 27, 2022

Bright Spot Solar out of Rochester gave the board a project proposal for town owned property on Dowboro Rd. The plan sounded like a good one, with a long term income stream that would go toward the general fund and help with taxes. Their written agreement will be reviewed by town counsel.

A request to replace a property survey pin that was in a sidewalk that was replaced four years ago on Chestnut St. was approved, up to \$200, by surveyor Henry Amsden.

The 2023 Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed and approved by the board. The sewer user fee warrant was also approved and bills have gone out.

The Trustees of the Library came to us for guidance relative to the on-going water issue in their basement. After the big storm before Christmas the cellar was inundated with water once again, this time prompting a call to Servpro to mitigate the damage. The board agreed that the Trustees needed some hands-on assistance and a board work session was scheduled for Dec. 29 at the library.

Police Chief Collins came to us asking that some unspent budget funds be encumbered for use in 2023 to make upgrades that are on the horizon as a requirement by the state or justifiable upgrades to the department. Among the encumbered funds, use will be an on-line fingerprint machine that will take the place of rolling your finger in ink. Background checks presently take weeks to get back and often times people who turn out to be wanted by law enforcement are long gone by the time that happens. This new machine will tie us directly into the nationwide system and speed background checks dramatically, plus we have the funds on hand to get it done without any further tax impact. Also on the upgrade list is required security for the PD evidence room, 'red-dot' scopes and department pistols, and laminate flooring to go over the ancient but unsalvageable wood floor in the PD. Necessary upgrades and maintenance to this old building allows us to operate our PD without need for a new building. *Carl Anderson*

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First Actions in the State Senate

State Senate Column v 1.1 - January 5

I am honored to be writing my first column as your state senator. It has been an exciting few weeks moving into our offices, getting to know the other 23 state senators, and learning how the state senate works.

One of the first actions in the state senate is committee placement and I'm very pleased to announce that I will be serving as Chair of the Executive Departments and Administration Committee (ED&A), Vice Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as well as a member of the Finance Committee. These committees are of great importance to the people of District 17.

In the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, we will likely be faced with legislation that will deal with our access to energy, cost of energy, and how energy impacts our state economy. As a sixth generation farmer, I am keenly aware of the challenges facing the state's natural resources and I look forward to digging into these issues on the committee as well.

In Senate Finance, we will be dealing with all of the issues surrounding New Hampshire's state budget. This is obviously no small task but one that I take very seriously because every dollar that the State of New Hampshire spends is from your wallet. I promise to be a good steward of your money.

In ED&A, we will deal with all legislation pertaining to the 54 professional licensing boards, such as nurses, psychologists, electricians, and real estate agents. This is a busy committee as you can imagine.

While I am serving on these important committees, you can expect this column to focus on all of the important issues in the State House. I will do my best to summarize the issues every time I write and, in particular, how they will impact you in Senate District 17.

In the meantime, I will be sharing an office with Senator Daryl Abbas of Salem and it is located in Room 105-A on the first floor of the State House. Please feel free to come for a visit. Additionally, you can reach me by calling 603-271-4151 or via email at Howard.Pearl@leg.state.nh.us

As I have always said, I will represent you with honor and integrity and I will always do what I believe is best for District 17. Thank you for your confidence. Time to get to work! *Howard Pearl*

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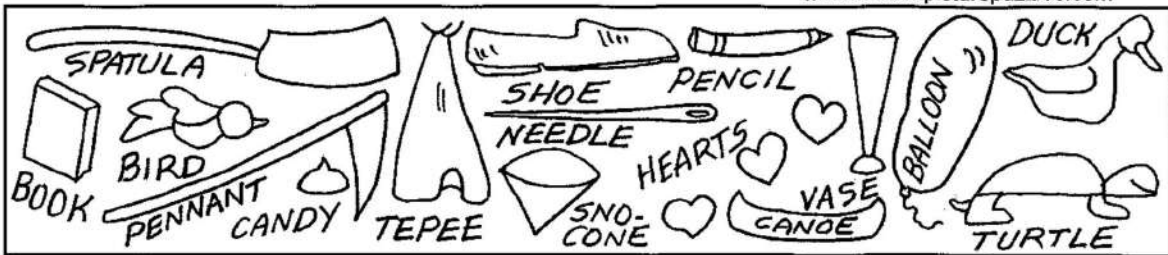

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