

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"While it is February, one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch." *Patience Strong*

January 31, 2024

The Undead Are Coming To Town!



This year, with the generous support of sponsor Darrah Enterprises of Pittsfield, NH, the Pittsfield Players will present "10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse" as their Kids' Theatre Workshop production. Directed by Meggin Dail, with assistant Andrew Gibson, the Zombies will take the stage on February 15, 16 and 17th at 7:30pm at The Scenic Theatre, home of The Pittsfield Players, 6 Depot Street, Pittsfield, NH.

The tongue in cheek Pixar-esque review of 10 ways to getting around being eaten by salt-and-pepper clutching, brain munching, hot-sauce bearing Zombies is presented by two narrators: the lovely Edie Soaras and the doomsday prepping Maia Manter. With Methods ranging from "Run Really Fast" to "Use Kung-Fu," the kids will keep you guessing what the survivors could possibly think of next!? Survivors AJ Soaras, Ben Tedcastle (understudy), Rose Koladish, Simon Hutchins, and Marie Eighmey are constantly on the run from the ever-hungry Zombies as each new Method hits the reset button upon certain failure. Zombies, Survivors and Narrators range in age from 8 and a half (very important, that half!) to 15 (with the exception of our very old Nanna played by Angelo Gentile) and they will keep you on the edge of your seat and rolling with laughter. So be sure to reserve your tickets now to the Apocalypse you don't want to miss! www.pittsfieldplayers.org for more information and tickets. Remember to sign up for our emails, too, and follow our facebook page before WE start following YOU! *Meggin Dail for the Pittsfield Players*

Girl Scout Cookies

If you're looking for Girl Scout cookies, booths are coming to town:

Saturday, February 10: Cookie Booth at Diomedes 4pm-6pm

Sunday, February 11: Cookie Booth at Freedom Foods 11am-3pm

Sunday, March 3: Cookie Booth at Dunkin' Donuts 10am-3pm

Thursday, March 7: Cookie Booth at Dani's 4pm-7pm

Saturday, March 9: Cookie Booth at Sam's club (Concord) 2pm-6pm

Cookies are \$6 a box, and we do have Gluten Free options. Cash, cards, and Venmo are accepted! Thank you. *Troop 10300*

Pittsfield Town Crier

To have an event or information included, email or call Andi Riel 603-435-6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Friday, February 2, 6:30pm - Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd., will be sponsoring a **FREE Family Movie night**. The movie "Elemental" will be shown - popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Saturday, February 3, 6:30pm Join us for **Josiah Carpenter Library's Stuffed Animal Sleepover**; Pajama Storytime and a craft followed by cookies and milk. Bring your stuffed animal and tuck it in for a sleepover at the library before you go home. Come back after the weekend to pick up your stuffy and view the slideshow of all the sleepover fun.

Saturday, February 3, 7pm - The First Session of Town Meeting (SB2- Deliberative Session) will be held in the Pittsfield Middle High School Gym. The snow date will be Monday, February 5 at 7pm. This is the time to learn about budget information that will be on the Town Ballot. Be an informed voter.

Thursday, February 8, 7pm - The First Session of the School District Meeting (SB2-Deliberative Session) will be held on Thurs, Feb. 8 at 7pm at the PMHS Media Center (library). This is the time to learn about budget information that will be on the School Ballot. Be an informed voter.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop/PYW is open for Regular drop-in hours - 3-6pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, and 1-6pm on Weds. Contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org for more info.

Pittsfield Senior Center Hours and Activity News! - Monday & Thursdays – 8-2pm; Bingo 10-11:45; lunch at noon. Wednesdays 7:30am –1pm; Cribbage &

Games 10-12pm; Walking at the Center- every open day - 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies - Monday & Wednesday 9am, and Chair Yoga- Thursdays 9am. For info or questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482.

Breakfast Bingo! What a combination! Our "Breakfast Bingo" dates are January 31, February 14 and 28. Breakfast at 9:30am then Bingo from 10-11:45am at the Senior Center. Cribbage players are still welcome.

Tuesday, February 20, Bingo, Movie and Lunch! RSVP to Ann at 603-435-8482 by Feb. 5 Bingo First, at 1pm, then the movie will start and we will serve burgers and chips. Come on out to the Senior Center and join us; a fun at 2:30pm, 48 Airport Road, Concord, NH. They have a great menu of food items along with their games, and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program.

Josiah Carpenter Library is in need of the following items to help keep our wonderful programming going and our operating costs down! Toilet paper - unscented baby wipes - plastic spoons and forks - quart- and gallon-size zipper storage bags - printer paper - post-it notes - scotch tape refills, - glue sticks and glue dots - chunky toddler paint brushes - disposable tablecloths - craft pom poms - fine tip & broad tip markers - jumbo craft sticks - sticky-backed googly eyes - white card stock - Goldfish crackers - apple juice jugs - microwave popcorn - any individual serving size snacks. And they are currently looking for donations for their Hot Cocoa bar: - hot cocoa packets - candy canes - marshmallows - plastic spoons - to-go cups. All of these items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in various adult and children's programming provided by the library. Call the library if any questions: 603-435-8406.

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The town of Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is effective November 15th through April 15th. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or rights of way between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The purpose of this parking ban is to allow the winter maintenance crews unobstructed routes for snow removal and ice control to maintain safe driving conditions for everyone!

The Suncook Sno-Riders Club members are selling tickets for their annual Winter Raffle. 1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize: \$300, 3rd Prize: \$200, and 10 \$100 prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be at our club meeting on March 6th; you do not need to be present to win. Please see a club member for tickets.

Pittsfield Hoops 603 Heatwave Camp - Summer basketball camp for Grades 1-6 at the PMHS Gym. All skill levels are welcomed and encouraged. \$40. July 15-19, 9-1pm for Grades 1-3; and July 29- Aug. 2, 9-1pm for Grades 4-6. For more information contact Coach Stratton at 603-341-2691 or pittsfieldhoops603@gmail.com Sign up today to reserve your spot in something great.

Happy Birthday wishes to Lynn Lamy on Sun, Jan. 28; to my birthday buddies, Cheyenne Snedeker and Bill Provencal on Mon, Jan. 29; to Ruth Lawrence on Tues, Jan.30; and to Maureen Van Horn on Fri, Feb. 2. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

PITTSFIELD TOWN FILING NOTICE

Declarations of Candidacy for elected Town Office positions will begin on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 and expire on Friday, February 2, 2024 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 2nd. The declaration forms will also be available to download from the Town website: www.pittsfieldnh.gov.

Selectman	2 (3) year term
Town Moderator	1 (2) year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 (6) year term
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	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	2 (3) year term
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 (3) year term

Erica Anthony, Town Clerk

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FILING NOTICE

Declarations of Candidacy for elected School District positions will begin on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 and expire on Friday, February 2, 2024 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 2nd. The declaration form will also be available to download from the Town and School District websites – www.pittsfieldnh.gov and <https://www.sau51.org/>

School Board Member	2 (3) year term
School District Moderator	1 (3) year term

Erica Anthony, School District Clerk



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Pittsfield Head Start is located next to the middle school and serves surrounding towns.

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Enrolling now for the 2023-2024 school year.


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Looking for an Adequate Education? Exercise Your Choice!

In the three large *Pittsfield Post* articles devoted to the interminable NH school funding discussion last issue, there was not one mention of the more serious underlying issue of student performance (see the recent NAEP scores at the NHDoE website) and the current cost per pupil per year, which is actually being spent every single year, regardless of the funding source. In NH it averages near \$20,000 per student. There was no mention of the fact that private schools, public charter schools and homeschoolers are seeing better academic results for closer to half the cost. There was no mention that those testifying at the hearing were not disinterested parties, but those with a vested interest, many of them members and officers of the NH teacher's union. It is true, teachers do not receive a large weekly salary, but the benefits package and retirement almost double the actual wage that teachers earn. I can only hope that these particulars are being taught by the Pittsfield school staff to the students who signed the letter so they have a full picture of the issues at stake. Real education is teaching students how to think, not what to think. The good news is that the adequate education discussion, mired in bureaucratic wrangling, has actually shifted from poor school districts vs. wealthy school districts to parental choice now. NH joined other states in celebrating National School Choice Week with a school fair at SNHU! If time is passing quickly and you think you need a different choice for your child's education, check out your options at [Homepage - National School Choice Week](#) *Diane Rider*

Student on the spot.
ALEX PENNEY



What activities are you engaged in? I am engaged in a lot of softball, I am on the Granite State Elite travel softball team, and the Granite State Elite National team. I also work at Diomedes Restaurant in Chichester.

What are some extracurricular activities that you are involved in at school? I am on the varsity softball team and I have been the starting pitcher since I was in 7th grade. I am on the Site Council which helps change protocols. I do all the community service I can to help the town and I currently have 58 hours of community service. Another thing I help with is volunteering to help the middle school softball team.

What motivates you? I get motivated to do softball because it is my all time favorite sport and I have big dreams to play for the Florida Gators, get on the Olympic team, and be one of the best softball pitchers ever. I also get motivated to help the Site Council change protocols because I want the school to be fair for students and teachers.

What is your favorite class? My favorite class is my Learning Studio, Social Media Marketing, with Mrs. Massey, because we have fun coming up with new ideas to post about the school.

What school events are you looking forward to?
The school events that I am most looking forward to right now are Field Day, Winter Carnival, and Spirit Month, which has already passed, but was so fun and it was set up amazingly!

Alexandria Penney is a student at Pittsfield Middle High School in the 9th grade. Alex is involved in Softball and Site Council as well as being a new member of the Future Business Leaders Club. Alex is also active in helping plan freshmen class events.

Cook's Corner

Chicken Wings with 3 Sauce Ideas Jalapeno Popper Cups



I know it won't be the same this year, but in case you're still planning to host a Super Bowl party, or just looking for some tasty goodies to munch while you watch the Big Game with a smaller group, here are two delicious ideas that I think you'll want to make on repeat.

The recipe for chicken wings is great because you can prepare this ahead of time and let them do their thing in the slow cooker until you're ready to serve. The Jalapeno Popper Cups are, simply said, divine. My family's 'heat meter' is fairly low, so I normally chop up jarred, pickled jalapenos for these. They're a little less hot. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

Chicken Wings

3 lbs chicken wings

Ingredients for sauce (see below)

Step 1: Heat oven to 375. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil and place a wire rack in the tray. Lightly spray the rack with cooking spray. Arrange the wings on the rack (in the tray) in an even layer. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven.

Step 2: In a slow cooker bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Add wings, stirring well to coat. See sauce ideas below.

Step 3: Cover the slow cooker and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours, or on HIGH for 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

Sauce ideas

Asian: 1 cup bottled plum sauce, 2 TBSP butter (melted), 1 tsp Chinese 5-spice powder.

Buffalo: 1 & 1/2 cups Buffalo or BBQ sauce, 2 TBSP butter (melted) and 1 to 2 tsp hot sauce.

Kentucky: 1/2 cup maple syrup, 1/2 cup whiskey (or Bourbon), 2 TBSP butter (melted).

Jalapeno Popper Cups – Super Easy

12 mini phyllo tart shells

4 oz cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped, or 10 to 12 pickled jalapenos, chopped

1 TBSP hot sauce

Bacon bits

Heat oven to 350. Place phyllo cups on a rimmed baking sheet.

Stir together cream cheese, Cheddar, jalapenos and hot sauce.

Spoon the mixture into the phyllo cups. Sprinkle the tops with bacon bits.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

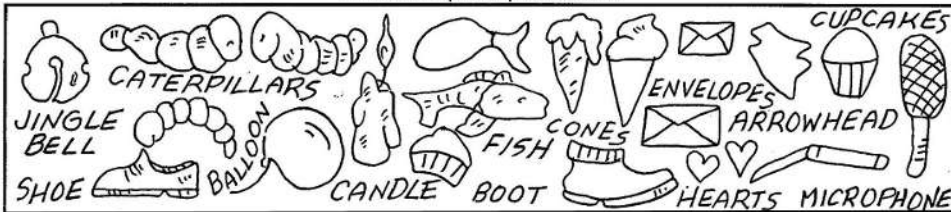
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Victory Workers 4-H Community Service Project

As a community service project, members of the Victory Workers 4-H Club donated and wrapped 120 gifts for the residents at Epsom Health Care Center. After the gifts were organized, they were brought to the center on January 20th. Adult and children volunteers went to the center to color and play games with the residents, as well. Some volunteers even serenaded them with music on the piano. Overall, it was an amazing afternoon, and everyone had a great time!

Addison Babcock, Victory Workers 4-H



The Pittsfield Post Mission Statement

The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The newsletter publishes relevant and important news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and providing a forum for dialogue.

The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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