

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**"Fear not November's challenge bold— We've books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold: These make amends!"** Alexander Louis Fraser

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

## PITTSFIELD PLAYERS' FALL SHOW ALL TOGETHER NOW!



Tickets are now on sale for the Players' fall production of Music Theater International's global celebration show *All Together Now!* The show will run at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, November 14 at 2 pm. Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased through TicketLeap.com by visiting the Players' new website [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org), or you can reserve tickets by calling the theater at (603) 435-8852.

*All Together Now!* has been created by Music Theater International and licensed free of charge to be used as a fundraiser to help schools, community theater groups, and other theater organizations begin the recovery from COVID and the financial losses due to the closure of theaters all over the world. The show, which will be performed on the same weekend by theater groups all over the world, is a compilation of songs from Broadway, and showcases the best of the Players' performers in a celebration

of being back on stage together again after a long hiatus. This production of *All Together Now!* is sponsored in part by Kentek Corporation and Richard and Martha Moloy, and your support for this show will help put the Players and The Scenic Theatre back on their feet after closing for over a year.

The Players' production of this show is directed by Maye Hart and choreographed by Dee Dee Douglas, with Catherine Cormier acting as assistant director. The cast includes both veteran Players members and some very talented newcomers, and the show includes both rousing group numbers as well as some wonderful solos. Joining us for this production are Players' veterans Jeannie LeGrow, Jean and Angelo Gentile, Beth Champagne, Marcia Emery, Marie St. Cyr, Kaylyn John-Zensky, Emily Getchell-Lacey, Bea Douglas, Lena Luongo, Louise Maheux, Angel and Dee Dee Douglas, and Jeff Gregoire. They are joined by newcomers Meaghan Rhymer, Caity Glover, John O'Connell, and Jacob Michael. Each and every cast and crew member are delighted to working on the stage again getting ready to perform for our wonderful audiences. Masks will be required in the theater for the performances. Get your tickets now and don't miss this wonderful show! *Maye Hart*

## School Board Update

Our last School Board meeting was well-attended as many community members wanted to weigh in on the tuition study and to understand where we, as a community, are in that process. Superintendent Bryan Lane gave a detailed presentation of his findings in regards to the financial impact of tuitioning out high school students; however the Board feels as though further research is needed to determine costs at this time.

The Board directed Mr. Lane to pursue information regarding the closing of one of the school buildings and the renovation of another building to possibly accommodate a pre-k-8th grade population. Mr. Lane will pursue this information and will revise the projected costs in regards to tuitioning with this in mind. Additionally, Mr. Lane heard back from Prospect Mountain just prior to this meeting, so he will include their tuitioning costs in addition to the schools and districts already included in his research.

Mr. Lane also shared his proposed budget with the School Board. He encourages community members to look this budget over and to send any questions his way. He will address those questions at our next meeting. The 2022-2023 proposed budget is available on the district website

<https://www.pittsfieldnhschools.org/>.

As always, we encourage people to attend our next meeting, Thursday 11/4 at 5:30 at PMHS. The Board will be conducting interviews with School Board candidates to fill the vacant spot on the Board.

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**Friday November 5, 11am** The State Current Use Board is hosting three public forums. The public is encouraged to attend. The central NH meeting will be followed by a Regular Board Meeting NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street, Concord.

**Friday, November 5, 6:30pm, Joy Church** is hosting a free family movie night : *The Wild Life* . The whole community is invited. There will be free popcorn and snacks for everyone. The address is 55 Barnstead Road in Pittsfield.

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 9-2pm Our Lady of Lourdes—St. Joseph's Women's Club Annual Christmas Bazaar** at the Parish Hall, 844 1st New Hampshire Turnpike (Route 4), Northwood. Come join us for lunch, or just to browse our crafts and purchase some wonderful baked goods. Come experience our Cookie Walk, with many delicious varieties of cookies.

**Saturday, November 6, 7pm, PMHS** The Suncook Valley Rotary club is back with the annual Penny Sale fundraiser! The Penny Sale consists of three "Banks." Each Bank has at least 100 donated items valued at approximately \$10-\$30 each. Tickets are purchased for each bank for \$1.00, giving the purchaser up to 100+ chances per ticket (penny per chance) to win a prize. We also have a silent auction for the higher valued items and a 50/50 raffle that night. Including the silent auction we offer over 300 prizes to WIN! If you would like to donate any items, please reach out to us! Volunteers are needed to help setup Saturday morning or with the event on Saturday evening. Please contact Fallon Reed at [fallon.reed@gmail.com](mailto:fallon.reed@gmail.com) (731-6862) or Jessica Drouin at [jessica26drouin@gmail.com](mailto:jessica26drouin@gmail.com) (724-9517).

**Josiah Carpenter Library's** operating hours have expanded on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The new hours are Monday and Thursday 10am-6pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:30pm-6pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Story hour, a gathering of preschool age children, parents and caregivers to enjoy books, games and music, is now being held twice a week. Families are invited to attend at 10am on Monday or Thursday.

**The Pittsfield Historical Society** continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. A "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18

characters each for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

**Sawyer's Holiday Open House 2021** at 520 North Barnstead Road. Barnstead, NH (603-776-4551 or 603-496-9086) - Country Farm Home filled with New Hampshire's handmade items just in time for the Holiday Shopping!! Open Hours are: Friday November 26, 9am-6pm, Saturday November 27, 9am-6pm, and Sunday November 28, 10am-4pm.

**Fishing and hunting licenses** may be purchased at the Pittsfield town clerk's office.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to John Feeny on Thursday, to Tina Fife and Sheila Fries on Friday and to Effie Topouzoglou on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

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**November 7th  
at The Deerfield  
Fairgrounds**

### Pittsfield Senior Center

Will be moving into Joy Church located on 55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield. We do not have any dates yet as to when we will be open for functions. We will keep you posted. *Carol Schiferle*, Senior Center Manager

### Advertising in the Post

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at [www.pittsfieldpost.org](http://www.pittsfieldpost.org)

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## Hidden Pictures: Rabbits Canning



## To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, my committee met to vote on the bills we held over from the spring. We voted unanimously to kill HB 619, moving police and fire dispatchers to retirement Group II, since the sponsor had not thoroughly dealt with the issues we brought up earlier in the year; HB 452, prohibiting the secretary of state from running for other offices; HB 211, changing the Manchester retirement system; and HB 170, declaring a commemorative day for the first labor strike in the US by women, since we felt that the city of Dover was appropriately commemorating this event (with one dissenter.)

HB 414, on evacuations during a state of emergency, would codify the current practice that if someone chose to not evacuate, they would be left alone and not forced to leave. Some members thought it was unnecessary, others that it was too vague and impractical to implement; we voted to kill it, 12-6, with the opposition (including me) not willing to force people to act against their best judgment even in an emergency. HB 204, declaring "Granny D" Day, was killed, 15-3; most of us were opposed to creating commemorative days in statute, rather than by activists petitioning the governor or localities celebrating their own heroes. HB 84, commemorating Ona Judge Staines, was amended to correct her name (she preferred her married name) and make it a one-time commemoration.

HB 230, on child care licensing; HB 275, on states of emergency; and HB 457, on the youth advisory council, were discussed but not voted out of committee due to problems with the amendments we wanted for them.

*Representative Carol McGuire,*  
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## Cook's Corner

### **Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup**

There's something about a bowl of piping hot, homemade soup that just makes you feel great from the inside out, right? Here's one that I think you and your family will enjoy for years to come. Don't skip the poultry seasoning, it's the secret ingredient that really brings the homemade flavor out. If you don't have spaghetti, any short pasta will do. This is also a great way to use up leftover turkey from Thanksgiving, if you have any. I also included a tip for boiling boneless chicken breast. Enjoy!

### **Boiled Boneless Chicken Breast**

- 3 to 4 boneless chicken breasts
- Garlic powder
- Salt & pepper
- Dried parsley

In a large pot, place the chicken then cover with water to cover the chicken by about 1 to 2 inches. Season with garlic powder, salt, black pepper and dried parsley. Bring to a boil, once boiling, reduce heat to medium and simmer for about 25 minutes. Drain and let cool. When the meat is cool enough to handle, chop into chunks, or use 2 forks to shred it. When chicken is on sale, I usually cook up a batch of this and freeze it. It comes in handy for lots of recipes.

### **Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup**

- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 to 4 cups cooked, chopped chicken or roast turkey
- 3 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
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- 1 (8 oz) package spaghetti, broken into 2-inch pieces
- 7 celery ribs, diced
- 6 medium carrots, diced, or 1 & 1/2 cups baby carrots, cut into pieces
- 1 tsp poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tsp lemon zest or dried lemon rind
- 2 cups milk
- 8 oz shredded Cheddar cheese for serving

Melt butter in a large stock pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat; add onion and saute until tender. Stir in chicken (or turkey) and next 9 ingredients (through lemon zest). Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Be sure to stir this frequently during the simmering process otherwise the pasta will stick to the bottom of the pot. Stir in milk and return to a low simmer. Remove from heat and let it stand for 10 minutes.

Transfer to serving bowls, top with Cheddar cheese and put out either hot crusty rolls or homemade biscuits. Add a nice salad alongside and you're good to go. - *MP Christakos*

## Select Board Review October 26, 2021

Tonight's meeting was a short one. The major item on the agenda was the setting of the tax rate. For those unfamiliar with the process, the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration takes our expenditures for the year and calculates what the tax rate must be in order to raise that amount of money. The money we must raise includes not only the municipal portion of our taxes (the only part of the tax amount we actually have jurisdiction over), it includes education (state and local) and County, all of which are dictated by other budgets. It should also be remembered that it is the voters who actually approve ALL spending for the upcoming year when they go to the voting booth in March. Setting the rate is done just prior to the second bill of the year coming out. (The first bill is half of the previous year's bill) The second bill raises whatever sum is left to meet our obligations. The select board can adjust the tax rate given us by the Dept of Revenue if the Town has enough in its fund balance (savings and anticipated year end revenue) to use a portion of that amount without jeopardizing a healthy reserve. The good news is, without drawing down our fund balance below the recommended \$1,000,000 mark, we applied \$336,000 to our 2021 obligation, thereby **reducing** this year's tax rate to \$23.99 per thousand. We can thank good management of all town departments and the hard work of all town employees to keep expenditures as low as possible and still successfully operate the town, thereby keeping the proposed budgets down. The Board of Selectmen acknowledges this team effort and the results we as taxpayers are seeing this year!

*Carl Anderson*

### **Suncook Valley Rotary Club**

### **Annual Penny Sale**

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## Harvest Fest 2021

On October 23, the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission sponsored the annual Harvest Fest with help from the PES PTO, the Historical Society, the Post, the Carpenter Library, and Annie's Cupcakes. A horse drawn wagon ride was enjoyed by many. There were pumpkins to be carved or decorated, pinatas to break, cupcakes to decorate, tattoos to be picked, slime to be made, pictures to be taken, pies to be eaten, and cider and donuts and hot dogs, hamburgers, and popcorn to snack on. Many people, young and old, enjoyed a fun filled, sunny afternoon.

On a more somber note, the Parks and Recreation Commission dedicated a tree at the F B Argue Recreation Area to Marissa McClellan. Marissa had served our town for many years and was an integral and much-loved Parks and Recreation member. She also worked at PES in food services, helped start and run the PES Food Pantry, and had helped with fund raising for the PMHS band. Many of her family and friends attended the dedication. Marissa often sat under the same tree when she was at the beach area with her daughter, Julianna. She is missed by many.



The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank Zach at PYW, Laurie from Leavitt's Cider Mill, Pittsfield Historical Society, Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield Post, Suncook Valley Rotary Club, Annie's Cupcakes, Meadowview Farm, PES PTO, Bruce Locke, Donna Keely, and everyone else who help make Harvest Fest and great fall experience for Pittsfield citizens and families.

*Minnie Plante*



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- Have basic knowledge of computers or tablets
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