

PITTSFIELD POST

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"Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude and togetherness." - *Nigel Hamilton*

November 23, 2022

Annual Children's Christmas Store

Annual Children's Christmas store is returning this year with a new organizer. The Suncook Valley Rotary is pleased to announce we have taken over the store for the Chamber of Commerce. It is still going to be held the same day as the tree lighting. Saturday, December 3, from 9-11 am. New this year we will be hosting it at the Pittsfield Middle High School cafeteria, so children can shop while their parents attend the PTO vendor craft fair that will be going on at the same time in the PMHS gym. Children will be escorted by "Elves" to help shop for family members, guardians, siblings, etc. and their selections will be gift wrapped and tagged. Children will be asked to make a donation, but payment is not required. So get those lists ready! We are looking for new or gently used items for the store. The items may be dropped off in the bins located at the Post Office, Town Hall, and Northway Bank. No glass or clothing, please. If you need item pick up or would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Fawn at suncookvalleyrotatry@gmail.com



Thank You, Thank You!

The Pittsfield Conservation Commission wishes to thank Dan Schroth for the outstanding work he did constructing the wall at Rocky Ridge Town Forest. It is truly a remarkable treasure that will be enjoyed by all for years to come.

Congratulations, Jon Huntington!

The Suncook Valley Rotary Club would like to congratulate Rotarian Jon Huntington on 45 years of service! According to the Club's records, Jon joined Rotary November 1, 1977. Congratulations Jon Huntington!

Pittsfield Elementary Author Visit

The Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield Elementary School recently collaborated on a grant through Clif (Children's Literacy Foundation). Through the grant Pittsfield is the lucky recipient of two author visits and \$2500 worth of books for the school and public libraries.

In early November local author, Marty Kelley, visited Pittsfield Elementary School! He completed three enthusiastic presentations for various age levels. He shared some of his books with the groups and also stressed the importance of practice in order to improve on any skill. He especially emphasized that mistakes are ok and are easily learned from in order to improve. He showed the kids numerous drafts of his writings and drawings. He also explained how long even a short book takes to complete.

We look forward to a second author visit in spring, when all students will receive free, age-appropriate books to kick off our Summer Reading Program! *Melissa Babcock*

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next **PITTSFIELD POST** will be published on December 7, 2022.

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The Annual PMHS Alumni Basketball Games will be held Friday, November 25. Varsity Girls vs. Alumni - 5pm and Varsity Boys vs. Alumni - 6pm.

The First Congregational Church will have **Soup Night** on Monday, November 28. Doors open at 5:30. ALL ARE WELCOME. Only cost is a love donation. Bring your neighbors. Enter through the handicap-accessible Chestnut Street entrance, at the parking lot behind the church.

A Covid-19 Booster Clinic will be held on Tuesday, November 29 from 2-4pm at the Community Room of Rolling Green, 67 Main Street. Guests, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Clients only need their picture ID and vaccination card. If you are planning to attend the clinic, please call Susan Harris at 603-528-4090 and leave your name.

Pittsfield Food Pantry (located at 55 Barnstead Rd.) has started to take applications for CHRISTMAS food baskets. Must be completed by November 30.

Sign-ups are now open for the Secret Santa Program. This program provides Christmas assistance for residents of Pittsfield in need. Children must be 14 years of age or under, must be residents of Pittsfield, and the parent or guardian who signs them up must have custody of the child. We will be accepting applications until November 30th. Applicants should call the fire station (435-6807) between 9am and 6pm. At this time, we will not be accepting applications in person to limit contact. If no one is at the station to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. For those inquiring about how to assist with the Secret Santa Program, we are accepting donations of new, unwrapped clothing and toys at the fire station. Please call (435-6807) before coming down to be sure someone is in the building. We are also accepting monetary donations, that can either be dropped off at the station or mailed to Pittsfield Secret Santa Program, PO Box 392, Pittsfield NH 03263. As always, a huge thank you to everyone who makes this program possible!

Pittsfield Elementary School PTO's annual Breakfast with Santa will be December 3, from 7:30 to 9 am. Santa will be there from 8 to 9am in the Elementary School cafe. Breakfast, which includes pancakes, sausage and a drink, will be 1 for \$4, 2 for \$7 and 4 for \$12. There will be a door prize this year for anyone who comes. The prize is two tickets to Santa's Village.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce sponsored **Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration** will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 4-6pm at Dustin Park. There will be free horse & wagon rides, cookies, cocoa, candy canes and popcorn, holiday music and caroling, visit & pictures with Santa, a Gingerbread House Display and Raffle by PYW, live Christmas tree raffle, Decorated Wreath Contest, and Holiday Story Time at the Library! Come kickoff the Holiday Season!

Pittsfield Elementary School PTO's 1st Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be December 3, from 9 to 2pm at the Pittsfield Middle High school gym. There will be raffle tickets to purchase, which will be for items from the vendors/crafters. If a vendor/crafter is interested in renting a space, please email at pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org

Pittsfield Youth Workshop bags for the local Meals on Wheels program. The youth are currently looking for donations to put a smile on each of the MOW recipients. We are looking for practical and fun items to stuff these bags. This year we will be needing enough items to fill 30 bags. Items like crossword puzzles, travel toiletries, chocolates, and small candies are some examples that would help us out. If you have any questions, please reach out to us via Facebook. We will be collecting donations until Friday, December 9.

The following are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday- Town Offices, Pittsfield Senior Center, and BCEP are closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, Josiah Carpenter Library Thursday - Saturday, November 24-26, and the School District and Pittsfield Youth Workshop are closed Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25.

Happy Thanksgiving to All! My wish is that you are able to spend time with family and friends.



PMHS Student Spotlight

Hello, my name is Elise Berry. I am a member and president of the Class of 2025. My favorite subjects are science (specifically biology) and chorus. I enjoy science because it is fascinating and I love learning new things, especially about animals and anatomy. I enjoy chorus because I am passionate about singing. I try to be involved in my school community by participating in the Drama Club, Justice Committee and the Tutoring Program. I value my family, peers, friends, animals, and school opportunities. My leisure activities include studying dinosaurs, playing Minecraft and reading. My favorite foods are fruit and pasta. I have two dogs, one named Juno and the other named Zoey.

After graduating from PMHS, I hope to go to college to major in paleontology. I would love to stay close to home but may have to leave for college. Someday, I will be exploring far-away places as a paleontologist.

Elise Berry

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

PRESENTED BY THE GREATER
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Sat., December 3

PTO Breakfast with Santa at PES

7:30-9:00 am • PES Café • \$4 ea, 2 for \$7, 4 for \$12

Includes: Breakfast (Pancakes, Sausage & a Drink) Visit with Santa from 8-9 am
Raffle Tickets for Sale and Door Prizes for Anyone Attending



Youngsters up to 16 years of age can shop at the SV Rotary Club's

CHILDREN'S STORE • 9-11 am

Pittsfield Middle High School Café



Dustin Park Main St. • 4-6 PM

SANTA ARRIVES BY FIRE TRUCK 4:15 PM

Holiday Music • Caroling • Horse & Wagon Rides • Candy Canes • Cookies • Hot Cocoa • Popcorn

VISIT WITH SANTA AT PYW • PYW GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY AND RAFFLE

Holiday Storytime at the Library from 4-6pm.

Come listen to your favorite Holiday stories and enjoy cookies and cocoa!

TREE LIGHTING ~ 6:00 PM

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Cook's Corner

Flatbread Pizza – Two Ways

I know we're all geared around Thanksgiving right now, but it occurs to me that at some point we'll all be longing for something different, something that's not centered around turkey and sides. Here we go. Make-at-home pizza! And there's a red version and a white version. These are fun to make, affordable ingredients, and quick to the table. I love the Stonefire brand naan flatbreads. They are perfect for these pizzas, but you can also use your favorite pre-made pizza shell. Add a nice, big salad with lots of vege's and dinner is done. Let the kiddos help assemble the pizzas; they'll have fun. Mangia!

Pizza – Two Ways

2 Naan flatbreads (Stonefire brand)
1 jar pizza sauce, preferably Rao's (it's small but enough for 2 pizzas)
1 package fresh Mozzarella, thin sliced
1 to 2 lbs bulk sweet or hot Italian sausage
½ cup fresh basil leaves
1 red onion, thinly sliced
Olive oil, for brushing the flatbreads
Coarse ground salt (salt grinder)
Heat oven to 400F. In a large skillet, cook the sausage until completely cooked and no longer pink, breaking up the big bits. Drain, then place in a paper towel lined platter, set aside.

To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield and Chichester

Many thanks to the people who supported me throughout this campaign. The waves, the shouts, the kind words of encouragement and your votes.

So, with that said, I can't see how the state is going to change its position on not doing much about climate change.

So I'm thinking we have to fight harder at the local level. We must fight to get our local leaders, and the voters, to take this challenge seriously and put money in the BCEP, Town and School budgets. Oh, you thought you were going to get through climate change unscathed? Boy have I got news for you. For every dollar we spend now it will save us quadruple down the road. If you care, start by coming to the BCEP public hearing on their budget, 5:30pm Thursday, December 8 at the facility.
Dan the Stoneman

Place the two flatbreads on a parchment-lined large baking sheet. Brush both flatbreads with olive oil – lightly – all over the tops. Not too much oil, just enough to moisten the bread.

Top the flatbread with pizza sauce, leaving about a 1 inch border around all 4 sides (for the crust). Layer the cooked sausage, top with Mozzarella slices (about 8 slices per flatbread). Then top with coarsely chopped fresh basil, red onion and a few rounds of the salt grinder.

Bake in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until Mozzarella melts.

Pizza Bianca (White Sauce)

Instead of jarred red sauce, for this one, make your own white sauce.

½ cup whole milk ricotta cheese
1 & ½ cups shredded Mozzarella
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup finely chopped sun-dried tomatoes (optional)
½ cup fresh chopped basil
1 TBSP olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
In a bowl, stir together the ricotta cheese, garlic and 1 TBSP of olive oil. Season with salt & pepper. Oil the flatbreads and then layer on the cheese mixture. Top with sausage or chopped sun-dried tomatoes (if desired), shredded Mozzarella and grated Parm, then top with sliced red onion and fresh chopped basil. Heat at 400 for 10 to 15 minutes.

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Audrey Shirley Moore, 91, of Pittsfield died November 11, 2022, after a period in nursing care and Hospice.

Audrey was born in Worcester, MA, on Feb. 18, 1931, to Ruth Harrison Lundstrom and Albert Lundstrom, and grew up in Millbury, MA, with 3 siblings, Gladys, Robert and Nancy. She married Robert Walter Moore of Boylston, MA. They lived in Clinton, MA, until 1976 when they moved to Pittsfield, NH. Daughter Beverly and son Donald attended Clinton schools and were active in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and other activities through their teen years.

Audrey was active in community and church, always providing help to make events and ongoing activities successful. She was part of the Pittsfield First Congregational Church, Women of Rotary, and helped with many of the Balloon Rallies, Old Home Days, and Annual Church Fairs. Most Sundays would find her helping in the church kitchens or acting as usher or in the choir. After Robert passed in 1996, she remained a regular participant and lived quietly on Tilton Hill.

She is survived by sister Nancy and son Donald, 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews and their children.

No formal services will be held at this time, but a celebration of life will be held after this season's holidays, as she would wish everyone to enjoy good family time for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield in lieu of flowers. The Cremation Society of NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please go to <https://obits.csnh.com/audrey-moore>

Selectboard Review November 15, 2022

Board member Carole Richardson was contacted by a member of the Pittsfield High School class of 1967. That class would like to donate a granite bench to be placed somewhere on town property, in memory of the graduates that year. We suggested the small, but very visible lot at 36 Main St.

The 2022 Equalization ratio of 67%, determined by NH Dept of Revenue, was approved. The equalization ratio reflects the relationship between the town's assessed value of your property and the amount it would likely sell for in an "arm's length" transaction this year. Somewhat oversimplified, a home assessed for \$200,000 in 2020 (latest assessment year) would probably sell today for nearly \$300,000. It should prove interesting to see what next year's ratio ends up being. Three property tax abatements were approved and \$3,000 was transferred to perpetual care from cemetery lot sales.

EDC rep. Jim Allard reported further interest from solar generating companies who would like to make proposals for solar farms on town property. We invited any of them to give a presentation to the Board.
Carl Anderson

To the Readers of the *Pittsfield Post*

I'm so very honored to have been elected your state senator in District 17.

I ran for state senate on a simple agenda: fight the inflationary pressure from Washington, work to lower energy costs, and keep taxes and government spending low.

We are in very uncertain times economically and I pledge to work every day to make sure the state is doing everything possible to support Granite Staters during this time.

I will always have an open door and I will regularly keep in touch with the towns in District 17: Allenstown, Barnstead, Canterbury, Chichester, Deerfield, Epsom, Loudon, Northfield, Northwood, Nottingham, Pembroke, and Pittsfield.

You can always reach me via email at SenHowardPearl@gmail.com We may not always agree on issues, but I'll always be working to do what's best and right for the District. Please reach out with any questions. Regards, *Howard Pearl*, State Senator-elect, District 17

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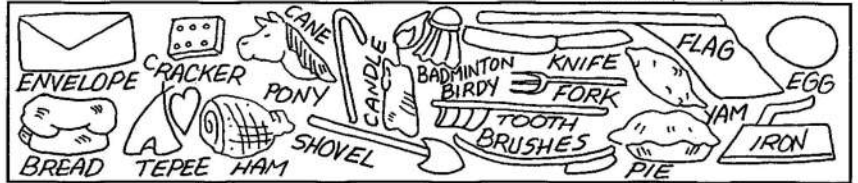
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Country Farm home filled with New Hampshire handmade items just in time for the Holiday Shopping! Open hours will be Friday, November 25 9am-6pm, Saturday, November 26 9am-6pm and Sunday, November 27 10am-4pm. Master card and Visa accepted, and there will be daily door prizes.

Featuring: wooden crafts, painted glass, fresh holiday arrangements, kissing balls, wreaths, ornaments, knitted items, nature jewelry, soaps, lotions, essential oils, primitive snowman/santa's, table runners, dog coats, farmhouse style signs, soy candles/wax melts, and much, much more! Buy local and start your Holiday shopping in our warm farmhouse!

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DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays,

- 10am Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour
- 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
- 11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays,

- 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 9am-Noon Pittsfield Historical Society
- 8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays,

- 12:30-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays,

- 10am Josiah Carpenter Library Story Hour
- 11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry
- 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 8am-4pm Town Hall

Fridays,

- 8am-4pm Town Hall

Saturdays,

- 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board PMHS Media Center

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

2, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

3, Saturday, 7:30-9am Breakfast with Santa, PES

9am-2pm PES-PTO Craft Fair, PMHS

9-11am Rotary Children's Store, PMHS

4-6pm Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting, Dustin Park, PYW and Library

5, Monday, 6:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 Meeting, Town Hall

6:30pm Victory Workers 4-H Club Meeting, PES

6, Tuesday, 8-10am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

7, Wednesday, 6pm Budget Committee Meeting, Town Hall

6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

7pm Suncook Valley Sno Riders Meeting, St. George Autobody, Hall Street

8, Thursday, BCEP Budget Public Hearing, BCEP

7pm Planning Board Meeting

9, Friday, 5pm PMHS Varsity Basketball, Girls vs Franklin, PMHS Gym

6:30pm Boys vs Franklin

10, Saturday, 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

10am-3pm, Journey's End Maple Holiday Open House

1pm and 8pm PMHS Drama Club: *A Christmas Eve Chaos*, PMHS Gym

11, Sunday, 1pm PMHS Drama Club: *A Christmas Eve Chaos*, PMHS Gym

13, Monday, 6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

13, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall

6:15pm Parks and Recreation Meeting, Community Center

14, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

6pm Budget Committee Meeting, Town Hall

15, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board, PMHS Media Center

16, Friday, 7pm *A Dicken's Christmas Carol*, Scenic Theatre, Depot Street

7pm Christmas Concert, First Congregational Church

17, Saturday, 7pm *A Dicken's Christmas Carol*, Scenic Theatre, Depot Street

18, Sunday, 2pm *A Dicken's Christmas Carol*, Scenic Theatre, Depot Street

19, Monday, 10am *Pittsfield Post* Volunteer Meeting, Community Center

5:30pm Pasta Supper, First Congregational Church

21, Wednesday, 9:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

6pm Budget Committee Meeting, Town Hall

22, Thursday, 5:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

7pm, Conservation Committee Meeting, Town Hall

23, Friday, 5pm PMHS Varsity Basketball, Girls vs in, Sunapee PMHS Gym

6:30pm Boys vs Sunapee

26, Monday, 5:30pm Soup's On Supper, First Congregational Church

27, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall

28, Wednesday, 4pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall



Holiday Open House

Fri, Sat & Sun November 25 -27

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