

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Christmas renews our youth by stirring our wonder." - Ralph Stockman

DECEMBER 8, 2021

PITTSFIELD PLAYERS' KID'S THEATER WORKSHOP AUDITIONS FOR *GODSPELL JR.*

The Pittsfield Players will hold auditions for their Kid's Theater Workshop production of *Godspell Jr.* on Monday and Tuesday, December 13 and 14, at 4 pm each day at The Scenic Theater, 6 Depot St. in Pittsfield. The Kid's Theater Workshop is open to young people ages 8 to 18 and is a program designed to introduce them to all aspects of theater, from auditions to set building and lighting design, to performing in the actual show. The show will run February 24, 25 and 26, 2022, right before February vacation.

Auditioners for the show will be taught a song from the show, as well as some basic dance steps, and they will be asked to read from the script. They may also prepare a solo from the show to sing, but this is not mandatory. Anyone who is interested in participating in the technical aspects of the show, such as costuming, lighting, sound and stage management, should also attend these auditions. In addition, this year we will begin a program to teach choreography design to interested dancers ages 14 to 18.

The original *Godspell* was the first major musical theater offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz, and it took the world by storm. It tells the story of Jesus and his disciples as they make different parables come to life. The show has a variety of songs in different styles from pop to rap to vaudeville that are used to tell the story of Jesus' life and his messages of kindness, tolerance and love. Questions about the show or the Kid's Theater Workshop? Contact mayehart@yahoo.com



Our Favorite Carols Concert

The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, are pleased to present a



Christmas concert entitled, "Our Favorite Carols," Friday, December 10, at 7 pm. This special one-hour concert will include many favorite carols and other Christmas music. Feel free to wear (and show off) your favorite "pretty" or "pretty ugly" Christmas sweater to the concert! Be sure to include this lovely evening in your holiday plans and invite your friends. Parking and wheelchair access located at the rear of the church. If you need more information, please call 603-435-7471.

Pittsfield Area Senior Center Christmas Party

Thursday, December 16th, 10 am

Please plan on coming to the Senior Center for a fun-filled Yankee gift swap and holiday luncheon. If you want to participate in the gift swap, please bring a gift of no more than \$10. The Christmas dinner will be served at noon; call 603-435-8482 to make a reservation. The center will not offer bingo on the 16th, and the festivities will take place at our new location - 55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield. I hope to see you there.

Carol Schiferle



Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435.6346
pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Wednesday, December 8, 11:30 am Don Smith will be singing Christmas music at the Senior Center, 55 Barnstead Road. Soup and salad will be served for a light lunch. Stop in and listen to some music and have lunch.

Saturday, December 11, 8:30 am Joy Church is hosting a community breakfast. All are invited to come out and enjoy a free, hot breakfast with others from the community.

Monday, December 13, 5:30 pm The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will host Soup's On! Your choice of hot and hearty soups; bread and beverage will be served. Cost by donation.

The Josiah Carpenter Library's next StoryWalk - *The Great Santa Stakeout* by Betsy Bird has been posted! Book pages have been mounted in 14 windows throughout the downtown area. Go ahead and tie up your walking shoes, and enjoy a stroll through our beautiful little town. Families can grab a map from the mailbox that is attached to the community bulletin board at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street, stop in to pick up a small gift! The library would like to remind people that they continue to offer delivery of library materials. If you're homebound for any reason, or are simply avoiding all the cold, flu and COVID-19 germs swirling around, the library can come to you! For more information call 603-435-8406.

Homeless Food Drive A local youth would like to collect food items for the homeless for the holidays and Pittsfield Main St. Variety is the drop-off location. Please consider donating in the next few weeks- easy to eat single serve items: Fruit or pudding cups, pop tarts, Vienna sausages, chips, pretzels, granola bars etc. Also any personal care items, trial size shampoos, soap, toothpaste, brushes, hats, gloves, feminine hygiene products, deodorant would be appreciated.

The town of Pittsfield's Winter Parking Ban on town roads is effective November 15 through April 15. This ban prohibits parking in or on the town's roads or right of way between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The purpose of this parking ban is to allow the winter or inclement weather maintenance crews unobstructed routes for snow removal and ice control, to maintain effectiveness of their routes.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration possible! As always, it takes help and involvement from many clubs, organizations, businesses and volunteers!

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a House Decorating Contest in the spirit of the season. All Pittsfield residents and businesses are encouraged to pull out those holiday lights and decorations and participate. NO entry fee and there is a \$100 prize! Please visit the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or our website (PittsfieldChamber.org) for more information. To register, text or call Louie Houle at 603-848-1553. Judging will be held Dec. 17 at 7pm (weather permitting); any weather changes will be posted on the Chamber Facebook page. A Google Map will be posted on our FB page Dec.18 after the judging so that others may enjoy the decorations and lights as well. Let's "LIGHT UP PITTSFIELD!!" and get in the holiday spirit!

Happy Birthday wishes to Stacey Wittenberg and Cassandra Smith last Sunday, to Jeff Miller and Heather Davis on Wednesday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Save the Date The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission is planning our **Winterfest Celebration** for 2022. We will be starting the festivities on Wednesday, January 12, with an afternoon sledding party (weather permitting) and will continue through Martin Luther King weekend. Watch for more details of the fun we have planned.



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Find Ten Differences

Holiday Riddles



How much does Santa's sleigh cost?

Why do Christmas trees like the past so much?

What do Santa's helpers learn in school?

Where does Santa stay on vacation?

What page are the answers on?
Think of the 'Golden Rings'

Looking for a Gift?

The Pittsfield Historical Society's newest calendar would be a great choice!

The theme of the 2022 calendar honors the men and women of Pittsfield who have served in the Armed Forces. It contains 26 wonderful photographs of servicemen, servicewomen, and various memorials located throughout Pittsfield, and provides a brief history of our loyal soldiers who fought for their country. Although there were soldiers from Pittsfield who fought in the Revolutionary War, the earliest image available to the Society is of Asa Bartlett, a captain in the Civil War. The calendar ends with Richard A. Brooks, a corporal in the Vietnam War. In between you'll find history, insight, and perhaps even a relative! This year, give the gift of local history!

Calendars are available for sale at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, and at the Historical Society's new museum on Oak Street on most Tuesday mornings (9-noon). You may also call or text Fuzz Freese at 603-848-4488, to arrange a purchase. The cost is \$15, payable by check or cash.



Reuben Leavitt, Civil War

Cooks Corner

Onion Soup Beef Pot Roast – SLOW COOKER



The holiday season is so fun, but it can also be a hectic time of year. Here's an easy riff on the old classic pot roast. It only takes a few minutes to get this into the slow cooker, leaving you lots of free time to get that last minute decorating, cleaning and shopping done. And the bonus – while this is gently cooking, your house will smell delicious!

3-4 lb chuck roast
2 cups baby carrots (leave them whole)
1 large onion, cut vertically into wedges
2 lbs Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 2-inch chunks
2 cans Cream of Mushroom soup
1½ cups beef broth (reduced sodium)
1 (1 oz) packet dry onion soup mix

Season the meat with salt & pepper on both sides. Place in the center of the slow cooker bowl. Place carrots, onions and potatoes around the sides of the meat, but try to avoid putting them on top of the meat.

In a bowl, combine the soup, broth and onion soup mix, stir well. Pour the soup mixture over the meat & vegetables in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on LOW for 9 hours or cook on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours.

Serve the meat & vegetables with the sauce, crusty rolls for dipping and maybe some steamed broccoli.

OPTIONAL IDEAS

- If you're not in the mood to peel & cut potatoes, you can use a bag of those mini yellow potatoes. Wash & dry them and keep them whole. OR

Omit the potatoes, just add more carrots and onion. Then serve the meat and veggies with a big bowl of instant mashed potatoes. *MP Christakos*

To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield

I would like to respond to Ray Duckler's article, "Meeting to Gather Ideas for School District". This is what I would have said had I been there.

We cannot shut down the high school and send our students to another high school. According to the Glasgow Climate Experts, the planet has warmed 1.1 Celsius. The Paris Agreement strives for a 1.5 increase, this would require a 45% decrease over ten years from 36.4 billion tons of CO₂ a year, currently put into the world's atmosphere. We are currently on track for a 2.5 increase, a 1.7 increase means the coral reefs would be gone, along with all the life they support.

The increase in our carbon footprint from traveling another 20 miles to and from school would increase by 4, if my calculations are correct. Let's put our energy into doing the best we can, allowing for the crappy way the state funds education in our state.

Dan Schroth Piermarocchi

11/21/21

BCEP Solid Waste District Towns of Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom and Pittsfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2022 proposed budget of the BCEP Solid Waste District

Thursday December 16, 2021

at the BCEP Facility

115 Laconia Road, Pittsfield, NH 03263
at 5:30 P.M.

The Public is encouraged to attend and participate in the event.

**In the event of inclement weather,
the meeting will be rescheduled to Friday,
December 17th.**

CATAMOUNT WOMENAIID THANKS RACE SPONSORS

Catamount Womenaid would like to thank the sponsors and neighbors that made the 2021 Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5k at the Deerfield Fairgrounds a triumph. Approximately \$12,000 was raised at the November 7 event, which allows Catamount Womenaid to continue to provide emergency financial assistance to men, women and children in need. The Deerfield Veterinary Clinic was the Title Sponsor. Northeast Delta Dental was the Community Sponsor, and the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Sponsors were Berkshire Hathaway/Verani Realty, East Coast Signals and Northeast Eye Care. Deerfield Country Insurance provided insurance coverage.

We are grateful to Emcee Tim Griffin, Photographer Caitlin Merrill, Warm-up Leader Maggie Lemay, and numerous volunteers who assisted the more than 100 runners and walkers and directed them along the scenic course at the historic Deerfield Fairgrounds. A bountiful food table offered post-race refreshments provided by Panera Bread, Hannaford Market, and Calef's Country Store. Other generous businesses who donated goods or funds are Candia First Stoppe, Lindt Chocolates, MRP Manufacturing, Parade Properties, Plumbing and Heating Services, Runner's Alley, Seacoast Braces/Miller Orthodontics, TD Bank, Tom Rochette Tax Services, United Rentals and VanBerkum Nursery. And many thanks to the runners and walkers from throughout our area, along with their friends and families, who made this annual event fun and rewarding. Top male race finishers were Shaun Fifield of Deerfield, Myles Matteson of Epsom, and Kenneth Cohen of Deerfield. Julianna Messina of Durham topped the female racers followed by Julie Mullaney of Derry and Aubrey Rogers of Salem.

Find the Difference Answers

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| 1. Nose | 6. Fringe on scarf |
| 2. Noel | 7. Stripes on scarf |
| 3. Snowflake center | 8. Book spine |
| 4. Pants | 9. Bow |
| 5. Boot | 10. Tongue |

Advertising in the Post

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

The *Pittsfield Post* volunteers will be spending time with their families during the holidays. The *Post* will not be issued on December 29, 2021 and January 5, 2022. Thank you for understanding!

Do you enjoy reading the *Pittsfield Post*?

Please show us your support with a donation, or by sponsoring a week of publication.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Post-It in the Post

Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors? Are you part of a community group that has big news? Email:

pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org by noon on Friday.

Guidelines: www.PittsfieldPost.org

Answers to Holiday Riddles

1. Nothing, it's on the House
2. Because of the Presents beneath them
3. The Elf-abet
4. The ho-ho-hotel

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