

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." *Carl Bard* **January 3, 2024**



## ***The Haunting of the Scenic Theatre***

***January 12 & 13***

Get ready to be spooked, thrilled, and captivated! Join us for a bone-chilling journey through the haunted halls of our historic theatre with tour times at 7:30 and 8 PM each night.

After a brief history of the Scenic Theater, Home of The Pittsfield Players, a guided tour will lead you through the theater to experience what goes on in the shadows of the theatre, behind the scenes at night when there isn't a show. The ghosts of the past are waiting to share their stories with you! Curious about the eerie legends that surround our beloved building? Whether you're a ghost enthusiast, history buff, or simply seeking an unforgettable experience, this is your chance to explore the supernatural side of our cherished theatre!

*Meggin Dail for the Pittsfield Players*

## **Historical Society Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Pittsfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30 at the Museum, 3 Oak Street. In conjunction with the meeting, there will be a short presentation reviewing the activities in 2023 and planning for 2024. Everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you! *Pittsfield Historical Society*

## **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE**

### **Town of Pittsfield Budget Committee**

Town Hall, 85 Main Street  
Pittsfield, New Hampshire 03263

The Pittsfield Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the 2024 municipal & school budgets on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida Street, Pittsfield NH, 03263.

The snow date for this meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024 – same start time and location.

"There are no adequate words to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love and support you have all surrounded our family with. The cards, texts, food, flowers and hugs - it has left us speechless."

*Rick, Erica and Sage Anthony & Family*

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## Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or email [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**Tuesday, January 2**, Pittsfield Youth Workshop is open for regular drop-in hours (3pm-6pm). Please contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or email at [info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](mailto:info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org) for more info for all the great things happening in the NEW Year.

**Wednesday, January 3**, The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at 6:30pm at the Historical Society Museum, Oak Street.

**January 3**, The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will meet on Wednesday at 7pm at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

**Monday, January 8**, The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book Club will meet at 6:30pm at the Over the Moon Farmstead.

**Monday, January 8**, The Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club will meet at 4pm at the library. This book club is for youth in grades 6-12. Books being read by the group are chosen by the group.

**Pittsfield Senior Center 2024 HOURS** - Monday & Thursdays at 8-2pm; Wednesdays at 7:30am –1pm.

Activities :

Senior Community Lunch – M & TH 12pm;

Bingo - M & TH 10-11:45am;

Cribbage & Games – W 10am-12pm;

Walking at the Center - M, W, TH 8am-1pm;

Sweatin' to the Oldies - M & W 9am;

Chair Yoga - TH 9am

and finally...starting on January 3rd, every other Wednesday, Breakfast Bingo....the center will be serving breakfast at 9:30am, then Bingo will follow from 10:00-11:45am. For January our "Breakfast Bingo" dates will be the 3, 17, and 31. Cribbage players are still welcome. We have plenty of room for both groups to be going on at the same time. For more information call Anne at 603-435-8482.

**The Pittsfield Historical Society** 2024 Calendar is available for purchase at the Town Hall, Library, and the Museum. The cost is \$15. The theme for the 2024 calendar is "Hotels, Boarding Houses, Resorts, Retreats and Summer Camps."

**Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association** Bingo

is held every Sunday. Doors open at noon and Bingo starts at 2:30pm at 48 Airport Road in Concord. 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 throughout the year and would greatly appreciate donations from patrons and town residents. - 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 - take-away cups or styrofoam cups. All items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in programming provided by the library. Donations from you will allow the library to provide more for patrons throughout the year.

**Attention: 501(c)(3)s:** Have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former 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 [GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com](mailto:GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com)

**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 ban allows the winter maintenance crews to perform snow removal and ice control.

Happy Birthday to Susan Cormier, Sun, Dec. 31; Merrill Vaughan, Weds, Jan. 3; Robin Davis, Sat, Jan. 6. Enjoy your special day. Happy Anniversary wishes to my sister & brother-in-law, Michele & Peter Karwocki, and to Ed & Laurie Vien on Sun, Dec. 31. Happy New Year to one and All. Best wishes for a Happy, Safe & Healthy New Year in 2024!

## School Board Update

The Board only met once in December, but were able to accomplish the important work of reviewing and approving the proposed 2024-2025 budget so that it can move along to the Budget Committee for review.

At our meeting on the 7th, we were once again pleased to hear from the building-level administration all about the happenings at PES and PMHS. PES Principal Kristen White shared all the ways PES celebrated World Kindness Day, updated the Board on reading progress for Title I, and gave a thorough report of behavior management within the building.

PMHS Principal Derek Hamilton brought forward, and the Board approved, the Class of 2024 Senior Trip request. Additionally, Mr. Hamilton shared the good news that Pittsfield Middle High School successfully met the requirements to exit Comprehension Support and Improvement Status. PHS was 1 of only 11 schools that was able to accomplish this.

In addition to budget and policy review, Mr. Lane shared information about the most recent findings in the lawsuit surrounding fair funding for New Hampshire schools. The Board intends to continue working on and advocating for this issue.

The Board would like to wish all of the students, faculty and staff of Pittsfield School District a very happy holiday season. We will see you in the new year!

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 4th at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there.  
Molly Goggin [mgoggin@sau51.org](mailto:mgoggin@sau51.org) 603-387-1396

# ANNA DREW

# Student on the spot.



Anna Drew is a student at Pittsfield Middle High School in the 8th grade. This year Anna is involved in Student Council. Student Council plans and organizes events such as Spirit Month, Winter Carnival, and Field Day. These are class competitive events that promote school and class spirit.

**What activities are you in at school?** I am in Student Council this year and I did Drama Club last year, outside of school I like reading and fishing.

**What are some extracurricular activities that you are involved in?** I am in a book club at Josiah Carpenter Library and was in Drama Club last year.

**What motivates you?** Student Council motivates me to do well in school and make school better.

**What is your favorite class and why?** My favorite class last year was band, this year my favorite class is Math. Band was my favorite because we got to play instruments, math is my favorite because it is fun and interesting.

**What do you think will make a good Learning Studio\*?** This year and last year I was in a Book Club Learning Studio, I found it quite fun.

**What are you looking forward to for school events and why?** I am looking forward to Field Day the most, and Spirit Month as well.

\*Learning Studios are held on Fridays and are geared toward student and/or teacher interests. Many times students and teachers pair up to together run the learning studio. They offer an opportunity for content that is not necessarily offered within the regular course selection.



**Cook's Corner**  
**Beef & Sausage Pasta**  
**Bake**

Happy New Year, dear friends! Whelp....it's January. We're bound to get snow at some point soon. Here's the perfect dish for the perfect snow day.

After you're done sledding (or shoveling, or both), pop in the kitchen and you can pull this dish of deliciousness together quickly. Put on your favorite tunes, or grab that movie you've been wanting to see. Warm up some crusty rolls or garlic bread, cut a nice salad and ring the dinner bell. Make someone else do the dishes. Enjoy!

*MP Christakos*

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb bulk Italian sausage
- 2 cans petite diced tomatoes (or 3 cans, if you prefer things a little saucier)
- 2 TBSP tomato paste
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes (or more to taste)
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 bag dried egg noodles
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened.
- 8 oz sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350.

Brown the ground beef and sausage in a large pot or skillet until no longer pink. Drain the meat, return to the pot and add the petite diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Season with the oregano, basil, red pepper flakes and salt & pepper.

Meanwhile, cook the egg noodles according to package directions. When done, drain and return to pot. Add the cream cheese and sour cream to the hot noodles and stir, gently, to combine.

Lightly grease a 13 x 9 baking pan with cooking spray. Add the cooked noodles to the pan. Then top with the meat mixture. Top the meat mixture with the 3 cheeses.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, until heated through and bubbly on the sides.

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**for ages 3-5 years old!**

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

Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Two meals provided daily at no cost to families.

Enrolling now for the 2023-2024 school year.

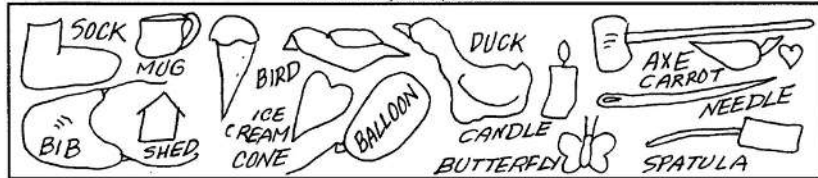
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## Jessica's Law

Jessica's Law in New Hampshire requires motorists to remove snow and ice from their vehicles. That law is [RSA 265:79-b: Negligent Driving](#), sometimes called "Jessica's Law." "The manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for a first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense." The basis of the law was a tragic accident that claimed the life of Jessica Smith in 1999.

Jessica's Law was passed by the New Hampshire legislature in 2001 (and later amended in 2005) in response to the death of Jessica Smith, a 20 year old woman who was killed when ice flew off the top of a truck and hit a second truck, resulting in a head-on collision with Jessica's car.

Please look out for one another this winter season and clear your car off.

Jessica Drouin

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# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9-11am, Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Rotary Club, Historical Society 7 pm Snow Riders Meeting, Fire Station 5pm Girls Basketball 6:30pm Boys Basketball vs Farmington, PMHS	<b>4</b> 5:30pm School Board, PMHS 6pm ZBA, Town Hall	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church	<b>6</b> 5pm Girls Basketball 6:30pm Boys Basketball vs Concord Christian, PMHS
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 3pm J Carpenter Library Teen Book Club, Library	<b>9</b> 6pm Select Board, Town Hall 6:15pm Parks and Rec Meeting, Community Center	<b>10</b> 4pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall 6pm Budget Committee, Public Hearing, PMHS 5pm Girls Basketball 6:30pm Boys Basketball vs Nute, PMHS	<b>11</b> 7pm Planning Board, Town Hall	<b>12</b> 7:30pm and 8pm The Haunting of the Scenic Theatre, Scenic Theatre	<b>13</b> 8:30am Breakfast, Joy Church 7:30pm and 8pm The Haunting of the Scenic Theatre, Scenic Theatre
<b>14</b> 1-4pm, Museum Open, Historical Society	<b>15</b> 10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Community Center 5:30pm Community Supper, Congregational Church 6:30pm J Carpenter Library, Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead	<b>16</b> 6pm PES Parent Teacher Organization meeting, PES 6pm Select Board, Town Hall	<b>17</b> 9:30am Library Trustees, Josiah Carpenter Library 6pm Budget Committee, Town Hall	<b>18</b> 5:30pm School Board, PMHS 5:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club, Historical Society	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 3pm J Carpenter Library Teen Book Club 5:30pm Soup's On, Congregational Church	<b>23</b> 7am - 7pm 2024 Presidential Primary, PMHS Gym	<b>24</b> 6pm Budget Committee, Town Hall 4pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall	<b>25</b> 7pm Conservation Commission, Town Hall	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5pm Girls Basketball 6:30pm Boys Basketball vs Franklin, PMHS	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b><u>Pittsfield Clothes Closet</u></b>            Tuesday &amp; Wednesday            10am-4pm            Saturday, 10am to 1pm</p> </div>		