

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE WEEKLY PRODUCTION BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"The rooms were very still while the pages were softly turned and the winter sunshine crept in to touch the bright heads and serious faces with a Christmas greeting." - *Louisa May Alcott*

December 7, 2022

## A Dicken's Christmas Carol, a Comedic Adaptation December 16, 17, & 18



The Pittsfield Players will present A Dicken's Christmas Carol, a comedic adaptation, A TRAVELING TRAVESTY in TWO TUMULTUOUS ACTS. The Styckes Upon Thump Repertory Company embarks on its fifteenth farewell tour. When the diva feigns illness, thinking the production would be canceled, but the troupe rallies and with "the show must go on" attitude pushes ahead. If things can go wrong they most likely will. Pictured above are Scrooge (Bill Schultz) and Christmas Present (Chad Boutin). Scrooge wondering just who this creature is.

The production will be on December 16 & 17 at 7:30 pm and on the 18th at 2pm at the Scenic Theatre, 10 Depot St., Pittsfield. Reservations: call 603-435-8852 or on line [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) via ticketleap, or at the door. *Jon Martin for the Pittsfield Players*

## A Christmas Eve Chaos

### PMHS Drama Club December 10 & 11

The drama club presents: A Christmas Eve Chaos on Saturday, December 10, at 1pm and 8pm and on Sunday, December 11 at 1pm at the PMHS Gym. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$3 for Students/Children at the door.

## Journey's End Maple Holiday Open House

The open house will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 10am-3pm at 205 Loudon Road, Pittsfield. Journey's End Maple, Black Dog Farm, Shamrock Hill, Gluten Free or Die, Lyss's Custom Crafts and more. Gift baskets, raffles and food. Santa photos with Krista Tesseyman Photography (10am-2pm).

## Shining Bright Christmas Concert

### Friday, December 16

The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., are pleased to present a Christmas concert entitled, "Shining Bright Christmas," Friday, December 16, at 7 pm. This special one-hour concert will include many of your favorite Christmas songs and some new ones! Feel free to wear your favorite Christmas attire to the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to include this lovely evening of music in your holiday plans and invite your friends. Parking and wheelchair accessible entrance are located at rear of church. Call the church office for more information: 603 435-7471.

## Local Children's Book Author Visit

### Friday December 16, 5:30 pm

The Josiah Carpenter library invites everyone to join them for a visit with Joanne Randall as she shares stories from her book series *Adventures with Largo*. Light refreshments will be served.

Want to see the pictures in color?

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**The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society.

**The Suncook Valley Sno Riders** will meet on Wednesday, December 7, at 7pm at St. George Autobody, High Street.

**The Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family** group will meet on Thursday, December 8, at 6pm at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level, for the annual holiday party.

Every year the youth at the **Pittsfield Youth Workshop** decorate bags for the local Meals on Wheels program, and they're currently looking for donations to put a smile on each of the recipients of these bags. They are looking for practical and fun items to stuff these bags. This year they need 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 via Facebook. You can deliver donations to PYW until Friday, December 9.

On Saturday, December 10, Joy Church is sponsoring a **FREE Community Breakfast** from 8:30-9:30am. All are welcome.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club** will meet on Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 pm at Over the Moon Farmstead.

**Pittsfield History Society 2023 Calendars** are now on sale. The theme for the 2023 calendar is "Tour the New Museum" with 29 pictures depicting the museum and various displays. The calendar can be purchased at the Historical Society, the Josiah Carpenter Library and the Town Hall. The cost is \$15.

**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 rights 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.

**If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund?** Established by the former 4th-generation family 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 wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at [GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com](mailto:GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com)

**The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring a House Decorating Contest for the Holidays! All Pittsfield residents and businesses are invited to Participate. Prizes for the top three decorated houses. To register, call or text Kathy at 603-833-1434.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Stacey Wittenberg and Cassie Smith on Monday, to Heather Tuttle on Tuesday, to Jeff Miller and Heather Davis on Thursday and to Brittney Ginivan on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

**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 2023 proposed budget of the BCEP Solid Waste District

**on Thursday, December 8**

at 5:30pm

at the BCEP Facility

115 Laconia Road, Pittsfield

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

In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 9.

**Advertising in the POST**

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad.

Guidelines and order forms are located at

[www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org](http://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org)

# Pittsfield MHS Basketball Home Opening Games vs Franklin HS Friday, December 9, 5pm and 6:30pm

## Girls Basketball Preview

Head Coach: Logan LaRoche, Years Coaching Team: 2nd Year

Roster:

Briar Bell - sr.

Addison Clark - soph.

Sydney Provencal - jr.

Ryan Wood - sr.

Sam Carney - soph.

Ashley Clark - fresh.

Hailey Asdot - sr.

Chelsee Chagnon - 7th

Savannah Chagnon - 7th

Alivia Levine - 8th

Sadie Rafferty - soph.

Riley Nagle - jr.

Jessica Nagle - soph.

*Managers:* Mabel Johnson and Alexcia Rollins

*Bookkeeper:* Abigail Hodgdon

*Returning Starters:* Briar Bell, Ryan Wood, Addison Clark, Sydney Provencal, Samantha Carney. *Top Newcomers:* Riley Nagle, Chelsee Chagnon, Savannah Chagnon

*Outlook:* The Panther Girls are looking to build upon the momentum from last year when the team really started putting things together and being competitive in every single game. While our team will need to adjust to the faster pace of the Varsity level, expect the Panther girls to answer the challenge and improve steadily until the season's conclusion.

## Boys Basketball Preview

Head Coach: Jay Darrah, Years Coaching Team: 22nd Year

Roster:

Jared Beliveau sr.

David Flores sr.

Abe Marcotte sr.

Parker Clark sr.

Ashton Borkman sr.

Mike Casey jr.

Justin Rivera jr.

Dylan Mills jr.

Elias Gates soph.

Cameron Witham soph.

Jared Landry soph.

Brayden Pelletier soph.

*Returning Starters:* Jared Beliveau, Abe Marcotte. *Top Newcomers:* Justin Rivera, Ashton Borkman, Mike Casey, Brayden Pelletier

*Outlook:* With only two returning starters in Beliveau and Marcotte and two other rostered players with varsity experience, the Panthers will look for Borkman and Pelletier to make a splash early. Coach Darrah will rely on Beliveau and Marcotte to be his leaders and tone-setters. In order for the Panthers to be successful they will need to have contributions from Parker Clark and Justin Rivera. Both are going to see substantial minutes in the backcourt and have shown significant improvements since the start of the season. With every player having a more meaningful role on the team this year, Coach Darrah expects his team to make considerable improvements as the season progresses.

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## Select Board Review November 22

We interviewed and hired Don Bolduc as a part-time police department patrolman. Mr. Bolduc is a recent graduate of the Police Academy and we anticipate he will help round out coverage for Pittsfield.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the 2023 budget. The police department budget is projected to remain stable. Chief Collins does a great job holding the line while providing us with one of the best PDs in the state.

The highway department, understandably, shows an increase due almost entirely to out-of-control price jumps in fuel, parts, salt, sand, and everything else we need to maintain our roads. Noel and his crew are doing their best to keep costs down but there are limits. Also, we need to replace our smaller dump truck which sees heavy use plowing the downtown areas that the bigger trucks struggle to navigate. There will be a warrant article to ask voter approval to replace this piece of equipment.

The fire department is faced with a need to replace our oldest ambulance. We're still able to operate it, and that's a good thing because it's estimated that 60% of the time we have one unit out on a call, another call for an ambulance comes in. It takes so long to actually receive delivery of an ordered vehicle that we've got to get one approved nearly two years before we need it. Trying to anticipate these needs in advance is a challenge in itself. Anticipating what the costs will be and putting enough away in capital reserves is the job of the CIP committee and they've been doing an excellent job of leveling out tax impacts.

The town's got its work cut out for it trying to keep costs down and still keep services at a level residents can live with. *Carl Anderson*

## What's Up @ PYW?

Our winter calendar just came out with new activities, opportunities to earn community service hours, and trips to new places. Visit our webpage to download a copy of our newsletter, or stop by PYW to pick one up. We're open for drop-in Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 3-6 pm and Wednesday from 1-6pm.

Winter is fast approaching, and along with that comes the possibility of occasional closures due to inclement weather. Stay up-to-date with last-minute schedule changes by following us on our Facebook page: The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW). You can also text us at (603) 234-9788 with any questions.

## Indigenous People of the Suncook Valley December 11

Join us! Northwood Congregational Church and Chesley Memorial Library conclude their co-sponsored mini-series of Upstander Project films and library book study regarding the indigenous peoples of our region. The last two short films tell the story of one Native American elder and how her own culture and the state's efforts toward reconciliation helped her find her way home. Discussion will be led by Pat Savage. December 11, 6:30pm at Northwood Congregational Church. Doors open at 6pm. To participate by Zoom, get the link by emailing: [chesleydirector@gmail.com](mailto:chesleydirector@gmail.com)



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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](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) by noon on Friday.

Guidelines: [www.PittsfieldPost.org](http://www.PittsfieldPost.org)

## Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop Auditions for *Grease School Version* December 19 & 20

The Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop will be holding auditions for *Grease, School Version* on Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20, at 4 pm each day at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot Street, Pittsfield. Co-Directors Maye Hart and Dee Dee Douglas are looking for kids to fill 16 roles, 7 girls (5 major parts) and 9 boys (8 major parts), and there's room for a large chorus in this fantastic show. Join us and become a member of The Pink Ladies or The Burger Palace Boys as we travel back to Rydell High School in 1959! This version of *Grease* has been edited for content and subject matter for younger audiences.

We'll be running auditions a bit differently this year than in years past, asking girls who are auditioning for a major role to prepare the song "Freddy My Love" to sing, and boys to prepare the song "Those Magic Changes." If you're not sure about a major part, please be familiar with the song "We Go Together" which can be sung in a group. We will have music to accompany you at the audition. You can find and listen to these songs on YouTube on the *Grease* Original Broadway Cast Album. Auditioners will also be asked to perform a few simple dance steps and read from the script.

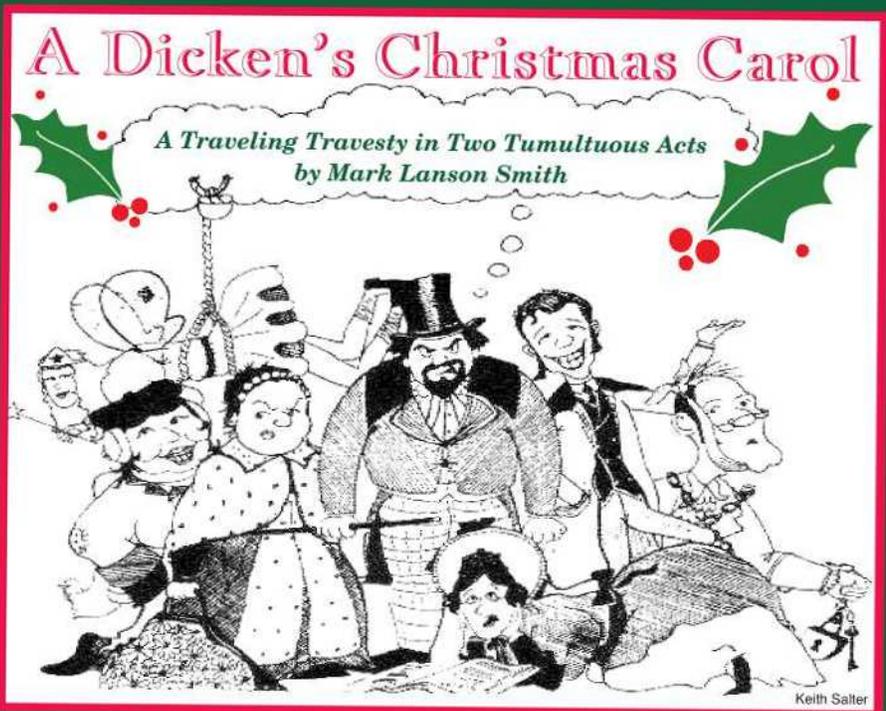
If you are interested in working behind the scenes, in lighting, set construction, costuming, sound, or stage managing, please attend an audition on either of these days so we can meet you. *Grease* will rehearse throughout January and February and will be performed on February 23, 24 and 25. We'll also be looking for parents to help with set construction and painting. There's even a chance to build a great Greased Lightning car!

If you have any questions regarding auditions, contact [mayehart@yahoo.com](mailto:mayehart@yahoo.com)

The Kids' Theater Workshop is open to kids ages 8 to 18 and is designed to teach kids all aspects of theater – acting, singing, dance, as well as the technical side such as lighting, set design and construction, set decoration and painting, and backstage management. We're looking forward to another great year in 2023! *May Hart for the Players*



The Pittsfield Players  
*present*



Directed by Marty Williams

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**December 16 & 17 at 7:30 PM**

**December 18 at 2:00 PM**

General Seating. Tickets \$15

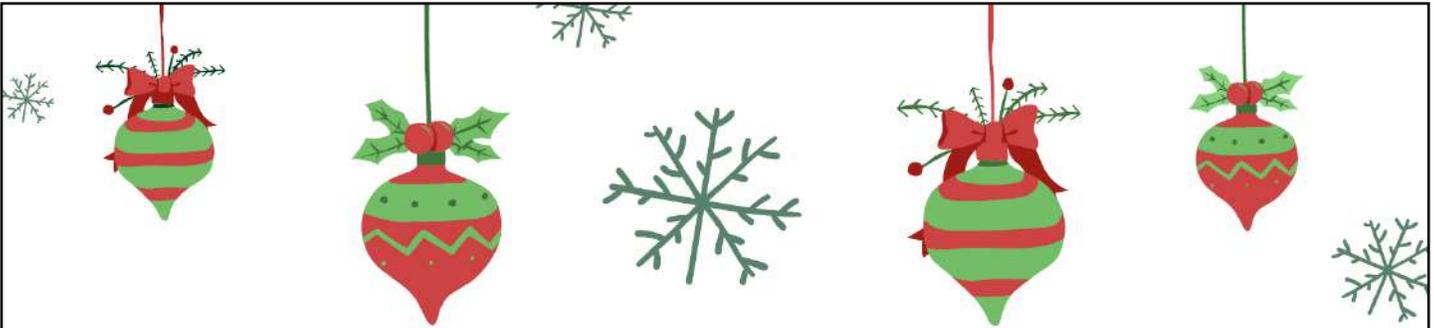
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