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“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Danis Supermarket – Meet The New Owners

As Danis Supermarket approaches its 120th anniversary, the ‘heart and soul’ of Pittsfield is under new ownership. Last week we had a delightful visit with Max Patel, who now owns the market with his family.

Max has been in the grocery business since he was a teenager. He and his family moved to New Hampshire from India in 2000 and he spent about 10 years working for a ‘big box’ retailer before buying their first store. He shared, “I’ve always been a small town guy; I really enjoy the atmosphere of a small community where you can really engage and get to know people. I like to know my customers by name and I want them to know me and my family.” After acquiring Danis in November, the family now owns four businesses, two convenience stores and two grocery markets.

Since taking over about one month ago, Max and his team have already made welcome and noticeable improvements. They replaced all of the store lighting, in and outside, with energy-efficient LED fixtures; and cleaned and reorganized all of the shelving and refrigerators, among other changes.

Max has focused on updating their products and has increased the grocery inventory, adding healthier options such as organic, low salt, low sugar and gluten free products. They have increased their beer and dairy inventories and will continue to add new products, based on input from customers. Max indicated his next area of focus will be on fresh produce. He is working with a number of New Hampshire based growers and vendors and expects to add a broader range of fresh produce soon, including fresh tossed salads and a wider variety of fruits and vegetables. In the meat department, you’ll see quite a few more semi-prepared foods, all made in-house.

In addition to expanding their product lines, they are also growing their staff. There are currently 17 employees at the market and they are looking to fill three more full-time positions. Starting in early January, weekly fliers detailing upcoming sale-priced items will be delivered to all home mailboxes in Pittsfield.

There are not too many enterprises that have been in continuous operation for 120 years, and Max is well aware that he has a rare opportunity to continue to build on the historic success of the market and the strong brand and reputation Danis has across the area. He and his family and staff are eager for feedback from the community regarding the types of products the market should carry, as well as any other ideas about how to improve the overall shopping experience.

The next time you’re in Danis, tour the aisles and check out all the new items, including the new Danis Supermarket chocolate bars! Be sure to share your feedback with Max or any of the staff. Max and the Patel Family – welcome to Pittsfield!

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January 12, Tuesday - The Annual Meeting of the **Pittsfield Historical Society** will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Because of social distancing and the need to keep everyone healthy, it is uncertain whether this will be an in-person meeting or a virtual meeting. Up-to-date information will be available on our website: www.pittsfieldhistory.com

January 14, Thursday - Budget Committee Public Hearing (snow date January 15th) from 7-9:00 pm at the PMHS Gym (to maintain proper social distancing). Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to review and hear about the proposed budgets from the town and school, it is also an opportunity for you as tax payers to provide input to the committee, which they will then take into consideration during their voting session.

Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. The "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for anyone to buy a brick to honor groups, loved ones past or present, or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks are \$100 each and can be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each for a 4"x 8" brick. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

Pittsfield High School Alumni Association sent out its annual newsletter for our yearly request for donations to support the scholarships that are awarded each year to graduating seniors. If you did not receive a newsletter, please send your name and address to the Alumni email at phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org Donations may be made by going to [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and send your donation to phsalumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org Thank you in advance for supporting the PHS Alumni Association.

PMHS Basketball Update- Tryouts for Middle Schools Girls and for Boys (Grades 6-8) will be held Mon, Jan. 18 - Time TBD. For more info contact: Varsity Girls Coach- Ryan McKenna at Rmckenna@mybes.org OR Varsity Boys Coach- Jay Darrah at jaydarrah@pittsfieldnhschools.org

Senior Center- Community Lunch and Meals to Go: Curbside Pickup on Mondays & Thursdays. If you have participated in the Center's community dining and you are over 60, this service is available to you! Please call the Center if interested and for menu info: 435-8432 We will meet you outside with your meal.

Globe Community Fund - Are you a 501(c)(3)? Have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-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 well-being 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

Josiah Carpenter Library - The library can come to you! Do you find it hard to visit the library? Josiah Carpenter Library employees will deliver materials to your home. Call 435-8406 or email lvogt@pittsfieldnh.gov to learn more and schedule a delivery.

Happy Birthday wishes to Merrill Vaughan last Sunday, Robin Davis today; and Tammy Colby on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special days!



Have you been wondering why the NH Department of Transportation would be warning us about high water outside St. Stephens on Main Street? It seems logical that high water would be more likely down by the dam. The State of NH owns and maintains Main Street because Route 28 used to go through downtown. The ownership includes the storm water drainage system of culverts and pipes. A pipe near St. Stephens needs to be cleaned out so, during heavy rain, water may overflow into the street. The pipe will be cleared out as soon as weather permits, and then the sign will be removed. For now we have a visual reminder to be alert and vigilant, which is especially useful during a global pandemic.

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Cook's Corner

Sausage Pasta Casserole

This cold weather has me hankering for hot, savory comfort foods. If you're feeling the same way, here's one I think you'll love – and it could become a 'go-to' on your menu rotation. I use sweet Italian sausage because my family doesn't like things too spicy, but you can use hot Italian sausage and you can up the red pepper flakes if you're looking for more heat. Serve this with a good crusty bread, a cold & crunchy salad, and a glass of Red. This is a terrific snow day dish, great for a large group, and honestly, this one is even better reheated the next day as leftovers. Mangia!

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 pound rigatoni or large penne pasta
- 1 or 2 lbs Italian sausage (sweet or hot), casings removed
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ¼ tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 28-ounce can whole tomatoes, crushed by hand, undrained
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped (or more if desired)
- 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan Cheese

Heat oven to 425. Lightly grease a deep, 3-quart baking dish. Boil the pasta according to package directions. Reserve ½ cup of the cooking water. Drain pasta.

Meanwhile, saute sausage in a large, deep-sided skillet until no longer pink. Drain the sausage and return the meat to the skillet. Add onion, cook for another 10 minutes. Add garlic and red pepper flakes. Add the tomatoes, season with salt & pepper. Bring to a simmer. Add the cream. If the sauce is too thick, add some of the pasta cooking water. Let the sauce simmer, gently, for about 10 minutes.

Combine sauce, rigatoni, the chopped basil and half of each of the Mozzarella and Parmesan. Transfer to the baking dish, top with remaining cheeses. Cook until brown & bubbly, about 20 minutes.

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Want some Pandemic-Compatible Fun? Try the Library's Alphabet Activity Challenge!

Twenty-six letters in the alphabet, fifty-two weeks in the year, if you spread it out you could have a whole year of fun! Choose your own path guided by the letters of the alphabet. For each letter, make your own activity selection. For the letter A you could read an *Amelia Bedelia* book, *Anne of Green Gables*, or maybe *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Sing *America the Beautiful*, eat some apple pie, play *Among Us*, or call your friend Anthony. If you listen to the soundtrack for *Annie*, and belt out *The Sun will Come Out Tomorrow*, do you chalk that up as an A activity or S? Your choice! The options are limitless, and there is no need to progress in alphabetical order. If you would like a chart to keep track of your progress, stop in to the library to pick one up. During January, come in and tell us about one of your activity selections, and we'll give you a gold star certificate worthy of refrigerator door display. There will be more information coming in February.
Josiah Carpenter Library



Double Word Puzzle #18 by Diana Westgate

Find the word that satisfies both definitions.

1. Low light _____ Not very smart
2. Cracker companion _____ Quick swim
3. Swimming activity _____ Seedy establishment
4. Type of beer _____ Rough copy
5. Dentist's tool _____ Marching practice
6. Liquid measure _____ Fall
7. Without moisture _____ alcohol-free
8. Precise _____ Demand by force
9. Just _____ Light-colored
10. Manicure tool _____ Organize documents

The answers are on page 4.

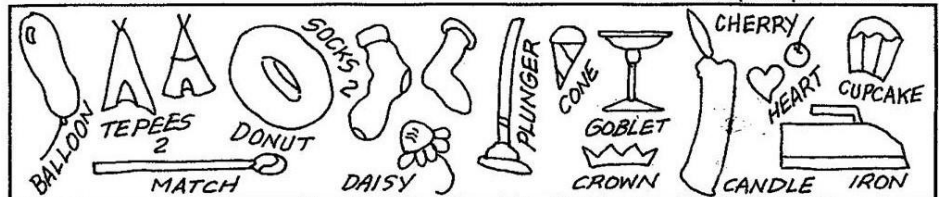
Happy New Year Hidden Pictures

Answers to Double Word Puzzle #18

1. Low light – **dim** – Not very smart
2. Cracker companion – **dip** – Quick swim
3. Swimming activity – **dive** – Seedy establishment
4. Type of beer – **draft** – Rough copy
5. Dentist's tool – **drill** – Marching practice
6. Liquid measure – **drop** – Fall
7. Without moisture – **dry** – alcohol-free
8. Precise – **exact** – Demand by force
9. Just – **fair** – Light-colored
10. Manicure tool – **file** – Organize documents



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