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"Chill December brings the sleet, blazing fire and Christmas treat."

Sara Coleridge

DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce says "Thank YOU" to...



Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Committee, Pittsfield Police and Fire Departments, Pittsfield Youth Workshop, Josiah Carpenter Library, Granite Image, Jitters Café, Main Street Variety, Bob Giegerich, Suncook Valley Area Lions Club, Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family members, Victory Workers 4-H Club, Pittsfield Players, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield Clothes Closet, Sam Locke, Mike & Gretchen Wolfe, Joe Darrah, Fuzz Freese, Louie & Patty Houle, and Mark Riel for their help, support and involvement with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. THANK YOU- THANK YOU!. Happy Holidays!



Michaela St. George shows off her winning wreath

The Greater Pittsfield Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the participants of the Decorated Wreath Contest. There were 8 wonderful wreaths entered in the contest this year. New this year (due to Covid-19 safe practices of not sharing pens), a panel of judges selected the winner (instead of the public voting). They selected the wreath made by Michaela St. George. Congratulations! Her wreath is created from a ring gear, lug nut covers, two springs, bolts, and a spark plug. Her creativity will certainly fire up some of the imaginations of our local makers and fixers.



Christmas Eve Service

Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a wonderful traditional candlelight service Friday, Christmas Eve, 7 pm, at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield. The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir, scripture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Include this lovely evening service in your holiday plans. Parking and wheelchair access are available at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call 603 435-7471.



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The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a **House Decorating Contest**. 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 on Dec. 17 at 7pm (weather permitting)- Any weather changes will be posted on Facebook. 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!

The **Pittsfield Historical Society's 2022 calendar** makes a wonderful gift! The theme of the 2022 calendar honors the men and women of Pittsfield who have served in the Armed Forces. 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.

The **Josiah Carpenter Library** would like to remind everyone that they continue to offer delivery of library materials and curbside pick up. If you're homebound for any reason, or are simply avoiding all the cold, flu and covid germs swirling around, the library can come to you! For more information call 435-8406.

The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will not be meeting December 15th. The Suncook Valley Rotary Club is transitioning to a new location, as we no longer meet at Dominick's restaurant. If you are interested in joining a meeting please contact Fallon Reed at Fallon.Reed@gmail.com or Jessica Drouin at Jessica26drouin@gmail.com for the meeting location.

Pittsfield Youth Workshop is open for drop in from 3-6pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 1-6pm on Wednesday. Stop in and check out this wonderful program. For more information, please contact PYW at 435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Fred & Liz Hast on Saturday. Belated Happy Anniversary wishes to Alan & Tammy Flanders on December 10.

School Board Update

The School Board would like to thank the junior class from PMHS for their presentation about their prom. The group did a nice job presenting and we look forward to what will surely be a special event.

Both schools presented their current practices for curriculum review and provided the Board with a variety of documents to discuss curriculum. PES presented their ongoing process and shared their plans for continued curriculum review, while PMHS presented the English curriculum and current syllabi. There was much discussion about these processes. At the next board meeting, there will be discussion surrounding current board policies for curriculum review and purchasing of curricular materials. Additionally, Derek Hamilton provided the Board with a variety of materials about the process to write our current mission and vision statement as well as what the plan for Vision of a Graduate looks like.

Finally, the Board agreed to move forward with the superintendent search with the New Hampshire School Board Association.

As always, we encourage people to attend our next meeting, Thursday December 16 at 5:30pm at PMHS. *Molly Goggin*,
mollymoultonbrooks@gmail.com 603-387-1396

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Weather Report

Santa finally
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to the sleigh
and radioed his
wife for the latest
weather report..



She boomed
back,
"It's rain dear!"

J.A.C.

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

on **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 17

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Cook's Corner

Lentil Stew

Here's a soul-warming soup that's perfect on a frosty day. I adapted this recipe from one that my Greek mother-in-law used to make. Greeks love their lentils! The harissa (chili paste) is optional, but I like to add it for a little extra kick. We enjoy this hearty stew with warmed, crusty hard rolls or Naan and either Feta cheese or a good, sharp Cheddar.

- 2 TBSP olive oil, divided
- 1 & ½ cups chopped sweet onion
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 TBSP tomato paste
- 2 TBSP Harissa (chili paste) (optional)
- 1 TBSP chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 tsp Kosher or sea salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp curry powder
- ½ tsp paprika
- 3 fresh thyme sprigs
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 2 cups dried green lentils
- 1 & ½ cups peeled sweet potatoes, cubed
- 1 (15 oz) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 2 TBSP chopped fresh parsley

Heat 1 TBSP olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, carrot, celery and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Add tomato paste, Harissa, rosemary, salt, pepper, cumin, curry, paprika and thyme; cook, stirring constantly, for about 1 minute, or until fragrant. Stir in broth, lentils, sweet potato cubes and tomatoes; increase heat to medium. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until lentils are soft and sweet potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. To serve, garnish with fresh parsley. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

Find the Differences Answers

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| 1. Snowflake | 8. Seam |
| 2. Bow | 9. Boot Sole |
| 3. Ribbon | 10. Boot |
| 4. Eyes | 11. Tail |
| 5. Nose | 12. Jacket |
| 6. Fringe | 13. Cuff |
| 7. Scarf | 14. Belt |

PMHS Student Spotlight

- **Annelissa Marcotte Grade 9**
- **Class of 2025**
- One of my favorite things to do at PMHS is participate in the Justice Committee and the Site Council. (Justice Committee is a student driven organization who provides peer mediation for other students to help resolve issues/conflicts and restore the community. Site Council is the student driven governing body of PMHS. Site council can make recommendations on all parts of the PMHS student family handbook. All modifications must be approved by the school board.)
- Why did you choose to participate in the Site Council and Justice Committee? I chose to participate in Site Council because I want to help maintain and improve the policies and procedures of the student family handbook and to be a spokesperson for the freshman class. I chose to participate in the Justice Committee because I believe in the practice of peer mediation and I enjoy being a peer facilitator.
- *What do you hope to learn from your role in the Site Council?* I hope to learn more about the policies and procedures of my school and how we can best improve the total student experience. I want to share the ideas of my peers and make sure the Freshman voice is heard in Site Council. I also hope to improve my public speaking and leadership skills through my participation in Site Council
- What do you think you may do after high school? I am unsure what I want to do after high school. There are many different options out there and quite a few that appeal to me. I want to find something that I am passionate about and can enjoy doing, but for now, I am unsure what that may be.

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!

