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"I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin, and crisp sunburnt leaves." - Ann Drake

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CRDC Finances World Renowned Meadery with Purchase of 100 Acres of Land

Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC), a non-profit development corporation that provides a variety of economic development services and small business loans to businesses and local governments throughout New Hampshire, is pleased to announce it assisted in the financing of 100 acres of land in Pittsfield, NH to be utilized as an agritourism location for world renowned Moonlight Meadery.

Recognized as one of the world's top makers of ultra-premium meads and cider, Moonlight Meadery founder and owner Michael Fairbrother had the vision of creating a destination location for his award-winning brew of mead.

With a manufacturing facility located in an industrial park in Londonderry, Michael knew he wanted to capture New Hampshire's picturesque landscape as a backdrop for his new location of tastings, tours, and eventually Bed & Breakfast. He also wanted a farm to operate an apiary for harvesting honey, a main ingredient sourced in Moonlight Meadery.

On a Sunday, October morning in 2020, Michael happened to see a real estate listing for a farmhouse located on 98 acres of land in Pittsfield, New Hampshire. Hours later, Michael and his wife Berniece Van der Berg, also an integral part of Moonlight Meadery, found themselves in awe of not only a beautiful piece of land with acres of rolling hills, but a property which also offered a horse barn and farmhouse.

"The original farmhouse, built in 1753, needed a lot of work; however, it boasted the simplistic appeal of a New England Bed and Breakfast," recalled Michael Fairbrother, owner of Moonlight Meadery.

"The modern-aged barn with its original post and beam remains as the foundation of our tasting room. Another attribute to the farm is this 7,000 square foot sawmill-style barn which provides many possibilities for a wedding venue, or perhaps to relocate our manufacturing one day," added Michael.

"We have seen that agritourism can be a successful business model for a lot of business owners if done right," said Jennifer Boulanger, CRDC Assistant Vice President. "Michael and Bernice's vision of combining a tasting room, tours, and a Bed and Breakfast destination while using the land to farm key ingredients used in production is a cost-effective way to do business. CRDC provided gap financing from its Direct Loan Program in concert with a conventional loan provided by Primary Bank."

"We can't thank CRDC enough," said Michael. "Purchasing this beautiful piece of property has truly changed our lives and we are thankful for the opportunity CRDC and Primary Bank provided to us. It's hard work, seven days a week, but we love it."

Moonlight Meadery is located at 1253 Upper City Road in Pittsfield, NH. Visit www.moonlightmeadery for more information. Monica Holt mypingpr.com

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Visiting Moonlight Meadery (L-R) is Joe Bator, Executive VP, Primary Bank with Moonlight Meadery Owners, Berniece Van der Berg & Michael Fairbrother along with Shilpi Mehrotra, VP, Commercial Loan Officer, Primary Bank and Jennifer Boulanger, Assistant Vice President, CRDC.

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Sunday, October 31 5-7pm Halloween Trick or Treat hours in the town of Pittsfield.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 9-2pm Our Lady of Lourdes—St. Joseph's Women's Club Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Parish Hall, 844 1st New Hampshire Turnpike (Route 4), Northwood. Come join us for lunch, or just to browse our crafts and purchase some wonderful baked goods. Come experience our Cookie Walk, with many delicious varieties of cookies.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is open and would love to have students grade 6 and up stop in and participate in the programs. Drop-in hours this week are Mon., 1-5pm; Tues., Thurs. and Fri., 3-6pm; and Weds. 1-6pm. For a full calendar of activities, please visit the website www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org For more information or questions, please contact PYW at 435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds has been installed, honoring people's loved ones. Why not "BUY-A-BRICK" to honor yourself or loved ones past or present. The 4x8-inch bricks are \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters. Visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

Come down to **Leavitt's Cider Mill** for some fresh-pressed, unpasteurized apple cider! Open Saturday and Sunday, 10-4pm. 49 South Main Street, Pittsfield (603)435-8750.

Tickets are now on sale for the Pittsfield Players' fall production of Music Theater International's global celebration show, *All Together Now!* The show will run at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13 at 7:30pm, and on Sunday, November 14 at 2pm. Tickets, which are \$15, may be purchased through TicketLeap.com or you may reserve tickets by calling the theater at (603) 435-8852.

Saturday, November 6th at 7pm Suncook Valley Rotary Penny Sale fundraiser in the gym at PMHS! The Penny Sale consists of three "Banks." Each Bank has at least 100 donated items valued at approximately \$10-\$30 each. Tickets are purchased for each bank for \$1.00, giving the purchaser up to 100+ chances per ticket (penny per chance) to win a prize. There will also be a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Including the silent auction, we offer over 300 prizes to WIN! If you would like to donate any items,

please reach out to us! We are also looking for volunteers to help set up Saturday morning, or with the event on Saturday evening. Please contact Fallon Reed at fallon.reed@gmail.com (731-6862) or Jessica Drouin at jessica26drouin@gmail.com (724-9517).

ATTENTION all small-business friends and Friends of Rotary We're looking for donations for the annual Rotary Penny Sale: 3 items (at least) in the value of \$10-30 (or more if you'd like) for each item. It's a great way to get your business name out there to several hundred folks in the greater Suncook Valley area. If you don't have items to donate but would like to give us \$\$ and request that we purchase items on your behalf, we can do that too!! If you don't have a business but want to donate as a Friend of Rotary – that's cool too!!! We're super excited this event is back. Items need to be in by November 1st; they can be mailed to PO Box 104, Pittsfield, dropped off at Northway Bank in Pittsfield, or we can arrange for pickup, too! To donate or volunteer please contact Fallon Reed at fallon.reed@gmail.com (731-6862) or Jessica Drouin at jessica26drouin@gmail.com (724-9517).

Happy Birthday wishes to Jan Sargent last Monday, and a **Very Special Happy Birthday** wish to my nephew, Jackson Riel, last Monday.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Marissa & Justin Butterfield on last Sunday; to my brother & sister-in-law Tim & Terry Riel on Wednesday, to Stacey & Kevin Wittenberg and Allison & Jim Buttafuoco on Thursday. Best wishes to all of you!

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Selectboard Review for October 19, 2021

This was a “work session” focused on budget review with three departments: fire/ems, police, and highway. First up was Fire Chief Pszonowsky, who explained his modest budget increase request is due in large part to rising fuel costs and other items such as insurance that are beyond the town’s control. Additionally, most of our water supply lines for fire trucks are in desperate need of replacement. If we start blowing out hose during a fire the results could be catastrophic. There are times when getting by with old equipment is prudent; however, this isn’t one of them.

Noel Gourley, Supt. Of Public Works, was up next. As with all departments, fuel and other price increases beyond our control account for the lion’s share of his budget increase request. Another factor was an increase in anticipated repair costs for our trucks. The fleet looks good to the passer-by, due to the fact that our highway crew keeps them up. However, in order to have money available for other items in recent years, we’ve kept trucks that have become notorious (despite being babied by our operators) for maintenance and repair costs that are above the norm. Voters last year turned down capital reserve requests for trucks that are increasingly needed as replacements. We have no choice but to keep going with what we’ve got for now, at least- and we have to anticipate increased repair costs. Hopefully, vital capital reserves will be funded next March.

Police Chief Joe Collins was last, and in his typical non-alarmist fashion, explained his modest needs, all of which would be very difficult to criticize.

All of our department heads work diligently to provide the town with great service at minimal cost. *Carl Anderson*

OLD JACK

by *Romulus Blackwood*

Old Jack sits on the porch step
The wind all full of might
The dance of flickering candle
Seen glowing in the night

Old Jack sits on the porch step
The children come and go
Their costumes and their masks
Their names he'll never know

Old Jack sits on the porch step
His jagged teeth and smile
He tips his twisted cap
In ghoulish pumpkin style

Old Jack sits on the porch step
Looks out upon the scene
He's waiting in the darkness
He's there on Halloween...



PMHS Student Spotlight

Alexandria Penney
Grade Seven Class of 2027

One of my favorite things to do at PMHS is participate in the Site Council.

What is Site Council? Site Council is the student-driven governing body of PMHS. It has the authority to make recommendations on all policies and procedures contained in the PMHS Student and Family Handbook. Modifications are approved by the school board.

- *Why did you choose to participate in the Site Council? I chose to be a part of the Site Council because I wanted to develop my leadership skills. I started when I was in the sixth grade. Many students didn't really know me that well. I am hoping that other students will see that I am eager to serve my school and have the potential to become a good leader.*
- *What do you hope to learn from your role in the Site Council? I hope to learn how to be proactive and take initiative. I want to learn more about how the Site Council operates, and also understand schools policies and procedures. One of my goals is to be an active participant in each of our meetings and best represent my seventh grade peers.*
- *What do you think you may do after high school? My goal after high school is to attend the University of Florida. I hope to earn an athletic scholarship to play softball for the Gators. I want to study the culinary arts and start my own restaurant. As a backup plan, I would consider veterinarian school.*

NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays, 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays, 2pm-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays, 2pm-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays, 10am Library Story Hour

11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

8am-4pm Town Hall

Fridays, 8am-4pm Town Hall

Saturdays, 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Monday, 6:30pm Pittsfield Alumni Association Meeting, PMHS Media Center

7:30pm American Legion Peterson-Cram Post #75 meeting, Town Hall

2, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6pm Selectboard Budget Work Session, Town Hall

3, Wednesday, 6:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Dominicks

4, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board Meeting, PMHS Media Center

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, Town Hall

5, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

6, Saturday 7pm Suncook Valley Rotary Penny Sale, PMHS Gym

9, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Town Hall

10, Wednesday, 5pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall

11, Thursday School District, Town Hall, and Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day

12, Friday Pittsfield School District will be closed to conduct parent-teacher conferences

7:30pm Pittsfield Players *All Together Now*, Scenic Theatre

13, Saturday, 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

7:30pm Pittsfield Players *All Together Now*, Scenic Theatre

14, Sunday, 2pm Pittsfield Players *All Together Now*, Scenic Theatre

16, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6pm Selectboard Budget Work Session, Town Hall

17, Wednesday, 10:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

6:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Dominick's

18, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center

7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

7:30pm Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall

20, Saturday, 9am-2pm Dorcas Guild Christmas Fair, First Congregational Church

10am-3pm Vision of the Graduate Community Forum hosted by Joy Church, PMHS Media Center

23, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

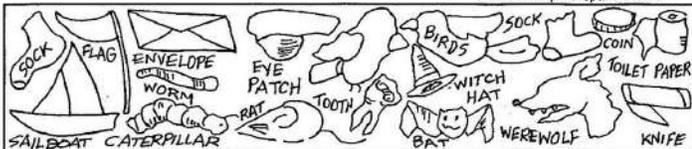
25 & 26, Thursday and Friday School District, Town Hall, and Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

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Cook's Corner



It's full-on Fall, my friends, and here are two recipes that are perfect for the season. The Pumpkin Bisque is heavenly and so simple to make. We like to serve this with grilled turkey and Havarti cheese sammies (on raisin bread!). The Apfelkuchen – German Apple Cake is a recipe that was shared with me about 30 years ago from a German friend whose grandmother used to make this cake. It's great for dessert, served with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream; and it's also delicious for breakfast. Bon appetit!

Apfelkuchen (German Apple Cake)

1 cup sugar
1 cup butter
3 large eggs
2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ cup milk
4 to 6 apples, peeled, cored, and chopped. Save 6 to 8 slices to arrange on top of the cake in a "star" pattern.

Heat oven to 375.

Grease and flour bottom and sides of an 8-inch round cake pan. Cream together the sugar, butter, and eggs. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and cinnamon. Stir together the 'wet' ingredients with the 'dry' ingredients, then add the chopped apples and milk. Stir thoroughly to combine well. Pour the batter into the greased cake pan. Arrange the sliced apples on top in a "star" pattern.

Bake in the oven for 45 minutes or until a wooden pick or cake tester comes out clean when inserted gently into center of the cake. Note, this cake is very moist; it may take longer than 45 minutes to bake, depending on your oven .

Pumpkin Bisque

1-pound can plain pumpkin
1 & ½ cups heavy cream
1 cup chicken broth
2 Tablespoons packed brown sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish

In a 4-quart saucepan, whisk all ingredients except parsley. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil for one minute.

Serve the soup with chopped parsley and fresh ground black pepper. *MP Christakos*

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- Strong organization skills and high attention to detail
- Previous experience in Quality Control and Inspection desirable
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