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"Always take on more than you think you can handle." - E.O. Wilson

## Living Nativity and Mischievous Boys....

Many years ago, while I was a member of the Advent Christian Church here in Pittsfield, I came up with the idea of organizing a Living Nativity. The Globe was still at the center of town and they gave us permission to set up the Nativity on their lawn. I asked the Marstons if they could bring a couple of their farm animals and they quickly agreed. Another call went to Mike White who was happy to bring a couple of her miniature horses, and a donkey, I think. And, if I remember correctly, we even had some sheep. My wonderful husband built a pretty large wooden silhouette of a stable.

We had the Sunday School kids meet at the church where we dressed the boys in bathrobes, put towels on their heads and secured the towels with neckties. The girls were dressed in robes with linen tablecloths and scarves for headgear. Then we had them walk down to the Globe lawn to set up the Living Nativity.

Our sons were at or approaching their teens and weren't terribly enthusiastic about going public with the getups we had fashioned for them. However, their mother was insistent that they had to participate, and their father was behind the project 100%, so they had no choice. At first I was so busy getting the nativity all set up, I didn't have time to take it all in. I started the short program we had planned. A good sized crowd of people had come and I was feeling pretty good about it all, until, as I'm leading the carols, I look up to see three shepherds wearing sunglasses! Yup my three sons had come up with a plan to disguise themselves!

On the way home, the stable fell off the truck, but my dear husband kept his cool, and was just thankful that it didn't kill someone!

That Christmas, Steve added to my collection of carolers by giving me these three shepherds! These shepherds are a great reminder of the blessings I am so thankful for, especially my crazy kids, my wonderful husband who was so supportive of me and made our life together so much fun, and particularly for my faith, which sustains me. *Margie Lank*



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**Friday, December 24, 7pm** Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a wonderful traditional candlelight 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 the church office at 603 435-7471

**Calendars for Sale** 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: containing 26 wonderful photographs of servicemen, servicewomen, and various memorials located throughout Pittsfield; and a brief history of our loyal soldiers who fought for their country. Although there were soldiers from Pittsfield who fought in the Revolutionary War, the earliest image available to the Society is of Asa Bartlett, a captain in the Civil War. The calendar ends with Richard A. Brooks, a corporal in the Vietnam War. In between you'll find history, insight, and perhaps even a relative! This year, give the gift of local history! Calendars are available for sale at the **Town Hall** and **Josiah Carpenter Library**, as well as, 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.

**Josiah Carpenter Library Staff** would like to remind people that they continue to offer curbside pickup and delivery of library materials. 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 Pittsfield Senior Center** has moved to Joy Church, located on 55 Barnstead Rd. in Pittsfield. Bingo will be every Monday and Thursday at 10am. Please contact Carol Schiferle at [cshiferle@bm-cap.org](mailto:cshiferle@bm-cap.org) or call 435-8482 if you have any questions, or if you need information.

**The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** would like to thank the 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!

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop will be closed Wednesday December 22 through Friday December 31.** Stop in and check out PYW!!! For more information, please call 435-8272 /email [info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org](mailto:info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org)

**The Pittsfield School District** holiday break is Wednesday, December 22 – Sunday, January 2. Enjoy your vacation!

**BCEP, Town Hall and Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed on Friday, December 24 & Saturday December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.**

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Aunt Carolyn Davis last Sunday, to Rich Hillsgrove on last Monday, and to my nephew, Tim Riel on Thursday. I hope you ALL enjoy your special day!



**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)

**The *Pittsfield Post* volunteers will be spending time with their families during the holidays. The *Post* will not be issued on December 29, 2021 or January 5, 2022.**

**Thank you for understanding! See You in 2022!**

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## Cook's Corner

### **SLOW COOKER**

### **Raisin-Bread Pudding**



I know you're all very busy and maybe even a little bit stressed getting ready for the holidays. Don't worry about that extra dessert. Here's an old school recipe that's quick and easy to put together, and a classic dish that is certain to bring smiles and memories. There's a reason our Grannies and Aunties made this traditional sweet. It's delicious! With your very first bite, you will be taken back to a happy time.

My very best and warmest wishes to all of our readers for a lovely holiday season. We look forward to sharing more recipes with you in the New Year. If you have some favorites that you'd like to share, please send them over – we would be delighted to publish your recipes! Bon Appetit, *MP Christakos*

#### **For the Pudding**

8 slices bread, cubed  
4 large eggs  
2 cups milk  
¼ cup sugar  
¼ cup butter, melted  
½ cup raisins  
½ tsp ground cinnamon

#### **For The Sauce**

2 TBSP butter  
2 TBSP flour  
1 cup water  
¾ cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract

Place bread cubes in a greased slow cooker bowl. In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk; stir in sugar, melted butter, raisins and cinnamon.

Pour over the bread cubes and stir. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 hour.

Reduce heat to LOW and cook for another 3 to 4 hours.

For the sauce, melt butter in a small saucepan. Stir in the flour, until smooth.

Gradually add water, sugar and vanilla. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 2 minutes or until sauce has thickened.

Serve the warm bread pudding with the warm sauce.

## Winterfest Update

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring activities from January 12- 17, 2022, weather, snow, and ice permitting. We plan to start with a sliding party with the PTO providing cocoa and cookies during early release on the 12th, and ending on Monday, the 17th with Candy Bar Bingo. Other activities will include a movie, cookie decorating, a snow building activity and skating, Wildlife Encounters program, and a library PJ story hour. Watch for a schedule and advertising in the beginning of the new year.



### **Pittsfield Historical Society's Annual Meeting**

Pittsfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2021, at their Main and Oak Street headquarters.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSES GALORE!



The Youth at The Pittsfield Youth Workshop have been busy celebrating the holiday season by making gingerbread houses from scratch. Typically, we would have raffled the houses off at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, but this year the youth will be able to take their creations home with them instead! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, from all of us at PYW!





**Budget Committee Public Hearing**  
**7pm, Thursday January 13, 2022**  
**PMHS Lecture Hall**  
 Snow Date:  
 7pm, Friday January 14, 2022

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**December 14, 2021**

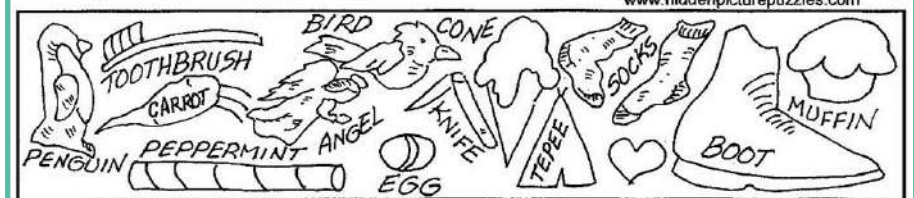
A public hearing was held regarding "unanticipated local fiscal recovery funds." A total of \$431,845 spread over two years, coming from the Feds, which we can apply to the massive wastewater overhaul that is looming in the near future, was accepted by the Board. It will make a pretty good dent in what promises to be a multi-million dollar project that the Town is required to address.

We discussed a potential temporary shortage of police coverage over the holidays due to covid exposures, new patrolmen still in training, and last-minute vacation requests before year's end. It's anticipated that our valued part-time officers will be able to take up the slack. The town is fortunate to have a PD that works hard to cover the town 24/7.

Numerous book-keeping and fund transfers were approved.

Carl Anderson

**Bears Singing Carols - Hidden Pictures**



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