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January 21, 2026



## Winnie Storey receiving the Boston Post Cane as the oldest person in Pittsfield

Pictured here with Larry Konopka, Cara Marston, James Allard and Janice Osborne

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We are happy to announce that Winnie Storey turned 101 years old last weekend. If you see her around town, please congratulate her and wish her a very Happy Birthday.

Love you, Mum/Grammy  
-Janice, Peter, Jess, and Minni Winnie



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## **Pittsfield Town Crier**

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

**Wed, Jan 21, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

**Wed, Jan 21--Fri, Jan 30 - Declarations of Candidacy for elected Town Office positions** will begin on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 and expire on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 5:00PM. You may file at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main Street during regular business hours. The office will remain open until 5pm on January 30th. \*\*Please note, the Town Clerk's office is not open to the public on Wednesdays. The declaration forms will be available at the Town Hall and to download from the Town website: [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) during the filing period. The following positions are open: Selectman-1 (3)-year term, Town Moderator-1 (2)-year term, Town Treasurer-1 (3)-year term, Supervisor of the Checklist-1 (6)-year term, Trustee of Trust Funds-1 (3)-year term, Library Trustee-1 (3)-year term, Cemetery Trustee-1 (3)-year term, Planning Board-1 (3)-year term, Planning Board-1 (2)-year term, Zoning Board of Adjustment-2 (3)-year term, Zoning Board of Adjustment-1 (1)-year term

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**Thurs, Jan 22, 7pm – The Pittsfield Conservation Commission** will meet at the Town Hall.

**Mon, Jan 26, 5:30-6:30pm – SOUP Night** at the First

Congregational Church. Join us for some delicious soups and visit with some new friends.

**Sat, Jan 31, 10am - Town Meeting Deliberative Session** at the PMHS GYM, 23 Oneida Street. The snow date will be Monday, February 2nd - 7pm - same location - PMHS Gym

**Mon, Feb 2, 6:30pm - The Victory Workers 4-H Club** will meet at the PES GYM for their monthly meeting.

**Mon, Feb 2, 6:30pm – The American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75** will meet at the Town Hall.

**Tues, Feb 3, 9-11am – First Congregational Church of Pittsfield NH, the Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** will be open for families to receive supplemental diapers once per opening, now once every month. Each family receives diapers/product per child in need and one package of wipes per family. We generally have NB through size 6 diapers, along will pull ups and overnights. We use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate donations!! Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages)and donations of wipes are always welcomed. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions, including donation questions.

**Wed, Feb 4, 7pm - The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders** will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Fire Station, Catamount Rd.

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**SAVE the DATE – Tues, Feb 24, 12-5pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive** in Honor of Lucy "Goose" Bellemare at the Barnstead Elementary School gym, 91 Maple St, Center Barnstead. For an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code TEAMLUCY or call 1-800-733-2767.

**The Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation** was established by Gabe's family after his death to provide roadside safety equipment to all High School-aged drivers. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful foundation or more importantly, to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927 or email [gda21foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gda21foundation@gmail.com)

**Senior Center Schedule** (55 Barnstead Dr. Pittsfield NH 03263 located in Joy Church) – Weekly Schedule: Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday 11:45am; Sweatin' to the Oldies: Monday & Wednesdays 8am; Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-11:45am; Walking at the Center: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am - 1pm; Women's Group: Mondays 9-9:30am; Chair Yoga: Thursday 8am; Breakfast and Bingo: Wednesdays 9am, and Knitting/Crochet: Thursday 9-9:30am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482 or Email: [aalbers-reilly@capbm.org](mailto:aalbers-reilly@capbm.org)

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)**, 18 Park Street is open for Drop-In Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 3-6pm and Wed 1-6pm. Stop in and check out the schedule! The food pantry at PYW continues to be stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth-open during Drop-In hours. For more information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at (603) 435-8272 or Text at 603-234-9788.

Join us every **Saturday** for **BINGO** hosted by **Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo**. They have a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6 pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

**Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector change in public office hours effective October 15, 2025\*\***  
Wednesdays - closed all day to the public to meet administrative obligations. Modified Town Clerk/Tax Collector Public Hours: Monday 11am - 7pm, Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Wednesday - closed to public all day in order to meet administrative obligations, Thursday 7am - 4pm, and Friday 8am - 4pm

**Pittsfield Historical Society's 2026 Calendar Now On Sale - "Main Street: The North Side"** - "Beginning at the dam site, we journey up Factory Hill to catch a glimpse of the businesses, shops, churches, and more that brought a flurry of activity to the small town, ending at the Tuttle Mansion". Calendars may be purchased at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, or the Pittsfield Historical Society museum. The cost is \$15.00

**The Pittsfield Food Pantry** is the recipient of the **Northwood Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Fundraiser** for the month of January. One Bag = One Dollar Donation! During our benefiting month, every time the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag is purchased at our selected Hannaford location, our organization will receive a \$1 donation.

**Granite VNA is offering "A Matter of Balance - Virtual Translation,"** an online falls prevention program that helps adults view falls and the fear of falling as controllable, change the environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance. The program is Thursdays beginning February 5 from 1 to 3pm. The introduction of the program is Wednesday, February 4 from 1 to 1:30pm. Our eight-week "A Matter of Balance – Virtual Translation" classes provide the tools needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies. Registration is required by January 26. To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit [granitevna.org](http://granitevna.org). Please note that a camera and microphone is needed to complete the program. Technical instruction is available to participate in the group. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls/Volunteer Lay Leader Model © 2006. This program is based on "Fear of Falling: A Matter of Balance" Copyright © 1995 Trustees of Boston University: All rights reserved. Used and adapted by permission of Boston University.

Happy Birthday wishes to Roger Metcalf on Fri, Jan 23; to Aunt Therese Riel on Sat, Jan 24; and to my Birthday Buddy, Bill Provencal on Thurs, Jan 29.

A VERY SPECIAL Happy 100th Birthday Wish to Maureen VanHorn on Mon, Feb 2!!

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Erica Anthony, School District Clerk



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## Cooks Corner Egg Drop Soup with Chicken and Cucumber Salad with Peanuts & Sweet Chili Sauce

There's nothing quite like a bowl of hot chicken soup on a cold, wintery day. Here's a fun twist on the classic. This Egg Drop Soup with Chicken is absolutely delicious, so comforting and using shredded rotisserie chicken makes this super quick and easy to get on the table. I like to serve the soup with this lovely cucumber salad. If you're feeling

fancy, you could also heat up some store-bought egg rolls in the oven. Bon appetit!

### Egg Drop Soup with Chicken

6 cups chicken broth  
¾ cup chopped scallions, plus more for garnish  
1/3 cup plus 2 TBSP cold water  
3 TBSP cornstarch  
3 TBSP soy sauce  
¼ tsp sugar  
¼ tsp salt  
3 eggs  
1 & ½ to 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken  
Wonton crisps (salad topper, in produce aisle) for serving  
Bring broth and scallions to a boil in a large pot, over medium-high heat.

Stir together 1/3 cup cold water, the cornstarch, soy sauce, sugar and salt in a bowl until very smooth. Stir the cornstarch mixture into the broth, boil, stirring for 1 minute. Reduce heat to low.

Beat eggs with remaining 2 TBSP cold water in a small bowl. Pour the egg mixture into the soup, stirring with a fork, until eggs are opaque, about 1 minute. Stir chicken into the soup and cook until chicken is heated through.

Serve soup with additional chopped scallions and wonton crisps.



### Cucumber Salad with Peanuts & Sweet

#### Chili Sauce

1 large English cucumber  
¼ medium red onion, very thinly sliced (about ½ cup)  
¼ cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro  
3 TBSP roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped  
¼ cup rice vinegar (or white vinegar)  
1 TBSP Thai sweet chili sauce  
½ tsp salt  
Romaine or Boston Bibb lettuce for serving

If you're using an English cucumber, there is no need to peel it. Cut the cucumber in half lengthwise, then thinly slice crosswise into half-moons. Place cucumber slices in a large bowl with the onion, cilantro and peanuts.

Stir vinegar, sweet chili sauce and salt in a small bowl until salt is dissolved. Drizzle over the cucumber salad and toss well to combine.

Serve the cucumber mixture on top of cut or torn lettuce.

To The Editor:

I found the Concord Monitor article, "State Representatives Walk Out of Meeting" (Monitor, January 1, 2026 by Jeremy Mangolis) to be embarrassing. How bad is it to be represented by two men who cannot defend their actions or their constitutional oath. So they walk whenever challenged. I'm looking forward for a good candidate to run for the Democratic Party against Education Freedom Account (EFA) and their constant disrespect they show our court system.

Just looking for someone who understands our state constitution, the responsibilities, and limits of our Legislative body.

Dan Schroth Piermarocchi, 295 Clough Road, Pittsfield, NH

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church Centennial Celebration

Pittsfield, NH 1926–2026

A Century of Faith, Family, and Community

With hearts full of gratitude, we joyfully announce the Centennial Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

In 1886 Our Lady of Lourdes began as a small but vibrant mission church of Holy Rosary in Hooksett, crowned with a simple two-posted steeple—one that initially stood without a bell. In November of the following year, a tremendous hurricane struck the area, badly damaging the steeple. Through the dedication and generosity of parishioners, repairs were soon made, funded at least in part by a Christmas fundraising fair held at the church. In time, a much sturdier and enduring four-posted steeple was erected, becoming a lasting symbol of faith, strength, and perseverance.

By 1927, the church community had grown to 504 parishioners from 126 families, with an average weekly attendance of approximately 260 faithful. As a result of this continued growth, Our Lady of Lourdes was elevated to parish status.

For the past 100 years, generations of parishioners have gathered within these sacred walls, nourished by the sacraments and united in faith under the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother.

To mark this historic milestone, Our Lady of Lourdes will host special events throughout the year in celebration of the centennial anniversary.

## Centennial Events:

February 11, 6pm 2026-Centennial Mass with the Bishop Libasci at OLOL

February–March 2026-OLOL Garden Fundraiser

April 2026-OLOL Garden Project

May 2026-Outdoor Parish & Community Celebration

October 2026-OLOL Centennial Celebration (date TBA)

We warmly invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us as we celebrate 100 years of faith, devotion, and community at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

For more information about centennial events or to volunteer, please contact Kelley Cox at [kabood1@yahoo.com](mailto:kabood1@yahoo.com)



## 2026 Winterfest

**Monday, February 23rd 11am** PES Café, 34 Bow St  
Come join us for Free Bingo with toys and candy!

**Tuesday, February 24th 10am-12pm** 4 Oak St  
Join us at the town Historical Society building for a scavenger hunt, with light refreshments

**Wednesday, February 25th 1pm & 5pm** PES Gym, 34 Bow St  
We will have small carnival games set up at 1pm and a movie starting at 5pm with snacks!

**Thursday, February 26th 10am** Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main St. Join us for a Storybook Tea Party. Crafts, games, snacks, story time and cookie decorating. Dress as your favorite character from a book if you'd like! SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTRATION is REQUIRED - call 603-435-8406

**Friday, February 27th 10am** Drake Field, 17 Fayette St. Weather permitting, we will meet at Drake Field for some friendly competition and fun while enjoying some hot cocoa!!

**Hosted By Pittsfield PTO with collaboration from Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield Historical Society!**





Hello again Pittsfield residents! Here's a recap of our House sessions. You can find our full report on the town Facebook pages of Chichester and Pittsfield as well as our website: ClaytonCyril4House.com

**HB186** passed 208-135 to establish the legalization, regulation, taxation and licensing of cannabis. **Voted against.** *Hoping our Governor will veto* this bill and get us out of the "WEEDS."

**SB15** creating a mandatory minimum sentence for distribution of controlled drugs with death resulting passed 179-159. This bill incorporates hard labor as a sentencing option for the most heinous crimes.

**Voted for.**

**Education: HB360** prohibits public schools to take on hospital tasks and procedures and prescribing pharmaceutical drugs. This bill passed 183-155. **Voted for.**

**SB33** passed 175-150 regulates public school materials, and removes the K-12 exemption pertaining to obscene material. **Voted for.**

**SB34** requiring parental consent for student participation in Medicaid with parental consent required for each service. Passed 186-155.

**Voted for.**

**Election Law:**

**HB323** requires the use of a government-issued photographic means of ID in order to vote. Passed 190-148. **Voted for.**

**HB219** provides reduced electricity costs and allows for rate-payer relief. It changed the minimal electric renewable standards. Passed 175-152.

**Voted for.**

**HB36** requires abortion statistics to be collected and reported on. Passed 188-162 **Voted for.**

**HB134** allows for the rights of conscience for medical professionals to object to participate in abortions, sterilizations or artificial contraception services. Passed 184-164. **Voted for.**

**SB268** permits the classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain situations: restrooms, locker rooms, athletics, and prisons. Passed 185-159. **Voted for.**

Democrats asked for a rules change to limit suspension of Rule 36E. This would allow last year's 2025 **HB503** to be reconsidered and brought to the floor for a vote. This bill would add new taxes to our constituents' tax burden by creating a **NEW Income Tax** of 5%, restoring the income and dividends **tax**, increase the meals **tax** and increase business **tax**. Vote to bring back **HB503** was defeated 280-57 **Voted against.**

The battle of the day, was bill **HB675** known as the Property Relief Act. This bill would cap the school budget by limiting the ability of school districts to pass certain appropriations by needing a 2/3 vote. Republicans and democrats could not agree on how to provide property tax relief. There were several amendments voted on to no avail. There was no agreement on how to align school property taxes with declining student enrollment and increased expenses. **HB675** was defeated 182-173. Then both parties voted to defeat the entire legislation by a vote of 346-9. **Voted against.**

Finally, another attempt to lure businesses into NH, **HB155** reduces the Business Enterprise Tax from 5.5% to 5.0%. This has historically increased revenue for school funding, 104% since 2020. As BET has been reduced, funding for schools has increased. This bill passed 189-165. **Voted for.**

If you have any questions, please email info@ClaytonCyril4House.com.

Your representatives,  
Cyril Aures  
and Clayton Wood

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# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>6:30pm</b> American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 mtg.  <b>6:30pm</b> Victroy Workers 4-H Club, PES	3 <b>9-11am</b> 1st Cong. Church diaper pantry	4 <b>6:30pm</b> Suncook Valley Rotary mtg.  <b>7pm</b> Suncook Valley Sno-Riders mtg.	5 <b>4pm</b> Library Tween/ Teen Book Club <b>5:30pm</b> School Board meeting <b>5:30pm</b> ZBA mtg.	6	7
8 <b>1-4 pm</b> Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	9 <b>6:30pm</b> Greater Chamber of Commerce mtg.  <b>6:30pm</b> Library: Mead and Read Book Club mtg	10 <b>5pm</b> Selectboard mtg.,Town Hall  <b>6pm</b> Parks & Rec mtg. .	11 <b>9:30am</b> Library Trustee mtg  <b>4pm</b> Community Development mtg.	12 <b>5:30pm</b> PES/PTO mtg  <b>7pm</b> Planning Board meeting	13	14 <b>8:30 - 9:30am</b> Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
15	16 <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Community Supper, Congregational Church	17	18 <b>6:30pm</b> Suncook Valley Rotary mtg.	19 <b>4pm</b> Library Tween/Teen Book Club	20	21
22	23	24 <b>5pm</b> Selectboard mtg.,Town Hall	25 <b>4pm</b> Community Development mtg.	26 <b>7pm</b> Conservation Commission mtg.	27	28

**Senior Center Hours**  
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Wednesday  
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