

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"What do trees do in September? Turn over a new leaf."

September 17, 2025



The Town of Pittsfield, New Hampshire PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, GEAR UP serves low-income, minority, and disadvantaged students and their families from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP provides six- or seven-year grants to states or partnerships to deliver support and resources to students and their families, starting no later than the 7th grade, through high school, and onward to fulfill their dreams of attaining a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, rigorous academic preparation, financial education, and college scholarships to improve access to higher education for low-income, minority, and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP is built around public-private partnerships, enlisting the formidable resources of government, business, and community groups to support low-income students as they prepare to enter and succeed in college; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP New Hampshire is a partnership of the Education Alliance for New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP New Hampshire currently serves 60 Pittsfield Middle High School students; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 22 to 26, 2025 has been declared National GEAR UP Week; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pittsfield is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential:

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 26th day of August 2025, we, the Board of Selectmen of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22 to 26, 2025, as **National GEAR UP Week in the Town of Pittsfield, New Hampshire** as a special observance to highlight its benefit to the youth of our school district.

Paul W. Gey
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Pittsfield Board of Selectmen



The Elevator Fund Committee, the Library Trustees, and the Library Director thank all of the individuals and groups who made donations, large or small, to the Elevator Fund. We have reached our goal, and we're excited to announce the replacement project has begun.

With sincere gratitude to all for your donations to this worthy project,

Thank you

Thank you!



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?

News@PittsfieldPost.org by 9 a.m. Friday

Submission Guidelines: www.PittsfieldPost.org

Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346

Sat, Sept 20, 2pm - Pumpkin & Pine Church Fair at the Congregational Church of Barnstead, 504 N. Barnstead Rd, Barnstead. Fun - Food- Treasures- Silent Auction-- Cafe & Fellowship- Ameyno Foundation.

Thurs, Sept 25, 7pm - The Pittsfield Conservation Commission will meet at the Town Hall.

Mon, Sept 29, 5pm - The PHS Alumni Association will meet at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center, Oneida St. We would LOVE to see some new faces at our meeting. Please join us!

Wed, Oct 1, 7pm - WINTER IS COMING! The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will meet at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

Wed, Oct 1, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Save the Date - Sat, Oct 18, 10am-3pm - The Victory Workers 4-H Club is sponsoring **Fall Festival 2025** at Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd. Join us for a fun-filled day as we celebrate the beauty of autumn and the hard work of our 4-H members. Explore exhibits showcasing what the kids have been working on. Learn more about 4-H programs in our community. Enjoy seasonal activities, food and festive fun for the whole family. Admission is free and there is something for everyone to enjoy. Bring a canned good for our Fall Food Drive to support the Pittsfield Food Pantry.

Save the Date - Sat, Oct 18, 7pm - Live music by "Silk Purse /Loose Ground" - we are excited to be performing at the Scenic Theatre. Presented by Pittsfield Players, join us as we celebrate the music of Linda Ronstadt! Tickets (\$20) : <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/silk-purse> or visit the Players website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org

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

Senior Center Schedule - Monday & Thursdays- 8-2pm and Wednesdays 8am-1pm. Activities include: Senior Community Lunch – M & TH at 11:45am; Bingo M, W & TH – 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – W-9-11am; Walking at the Center- M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin' to the Oldies- M at 9am; and Chair Yoga- TH at 9am. Contact Anne at 603-435-8482, for more information.

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.

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

The **Pittsfield Conservation Commission** wants to hear from you! Please complete this anonymous survey to help us understand your joys, concerns and hopes regarding Pittsfield's natural spaces: <https://forms.gle/zyyFqpiWGBShEehs6>

The **4-H Young Entrepreneurs** have been busy and have new seasonal products available at Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd. **Hours are Wed-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm; and Sun, 10am-4pm.**

Check out **Marston Farm Corn Maze, 384 Webster Mills Rd, Pittsfield**. Open Sept. 5 – Nov. 1, Fri 1-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am–7pm (hours are subject to change) Cost is: Adult (13+)- \$10, Child (6-12)- \$8, Child Under 5- Free, Senior (65+)- \$8, Military- \$8. Cash, Venmo and Credit Card are accepted. PLEASE visit our website Marstonfarmnh.com for FULL details on purchasing tickets, and more information about the corn maze.

There are currently three 3-year terms open on the Town Budget Committee. If you are interested in participating in this important part of our town's financial planning, please contact Moderator Jackson Marston or the Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Town is also looking for volunteers to join the **CIP Committee**. (Capital Improvement Planning Committee) The CIP Committee analyzes the needs of the public capital assets of the town and school and puts together a schedule of improvements over time to effectively manage capital expenditures. The Committee meets in **September & October every Monday at 6pm** and works with the town departments and committees and school officials to update the annual CIP plan for submission to the selectmen and budget committee. If interested, fill out a volunteer application form from the website (www.pittsfieldnh.gov) or at Town Hall, and return to Town Administrator Cara Marston.

The NH Secretary of State is excited to announce the official launch of our **2025 "I Voted" Sticker Contest!** All 4th and 5th grade NH students are invited to participate. The four winning designs will be distributed as "I Voted" stickers during statewide elections in 2026. The deadline is 11:55pm on October 14, 2025. For more details, visit www.sos.nh.gov/4th-and-5th-grade-new-hampshire-i-voted-sticker-contest

Happy Birthday wishes to Tara Cabral and Paula Martel on Tues, Sept. 16; to Louie Houle and Dana Tuttle on Fri, Sept. 19; to my brother-in-law, Tim Riel Sat, Sept. 20 (Cheers to 65 years!); to Tracey Riel Mon, Sept. 22; and to Mary-Ellen Tuttle on Sat, Sept. 27.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Diane & Dana Bishop on Sun, Sept. 14; Dave & Dawna Johonnett on Mon, Sept. 15; to my sister & brother-in-law, Robin & Fred Blais on Wed, Sept. 17; to my niece, Nicole & Nick Semales on Sat, Sept. 20, and to Stephanie & Norm Tuttle on Tues, Sept. 23.



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Pittsfield Insurance Agency announces strategic partnership with Boufford Insurance Agency

Pittsfield Insurance Agency is proud to announce they have entered a partnership with Boufford Insurance Agency, a respected independent insurance provider based in Bedford, New Hampshire. This alliance strengthens both agencies' ability to deliver high-quality, personalized insurance solutions to individuals and businesses across New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

With over 20 years of experience, Jeff Boufford, Principal of Boufford Insurance Agency, has built a reputation for integrity, client advocacy, and community involvement. Under his leadership, Boufford Insurance has developed a comprehensive portfolio of insurance offerings, helping clients navigate the often complex world of insurance contracts with clarity and confidence.

"Joining forces with Boufford Insurance allows us to expand the resources and expertise we offer our clients," said Janet Tarantino, of Pittsfield Insurance Agency. "We share the same values—personal service, professional excellence, and a commitment to doing what's right for the people we serve."

Boufford Insurance Agency specializes in matching clients with the most appropriate carriers based on their unique needs, balancing price and coverage to ensure peace of mind. Their team's ability to handle all lines of insurance—both personal and commercial—allows Pittsfield Insurance clients to access an even wider range of products and services.

"Ultimately, this partnership is about enhancing value for our clients," said Boufford. "It's about delivering broader options, deeper expertise, and a shared commitment to being there for our clients in the moments that matter most."

Clients of Pittsfield Insurance will continue working with the same trusted team, with the added benefit of Boufford's expanded offerings and specialized support. Together, the two agencies aim to provide an even greater level of service and customized solutions to meet the evolving insurance needs of customers.

For more information about Boufford Insurance Agency, please visit <https://bouffordins.com>
To learn more about Pittsfield Insurance Agency, visit Pittsfieldins.com



Janet Tarantino, Pittsfield Insurance Agency,
and Jeff Boufford, Boufford Insurance Agency

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The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

Please support your community newsletter!

Checks made out to the non-profit: Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Pittsfield Post. P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263.
or Via our website
www.PittsfieldPost.org

Send us your news!

Individuals, community groups and businesses, email us your news, opinions and creative work. Details are on our website. Deadline 9am on Friday.

News@Pittsfieldpost.org

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LOCATION:

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Cooks Corner -- Italian Sausage Soup with Tortellini

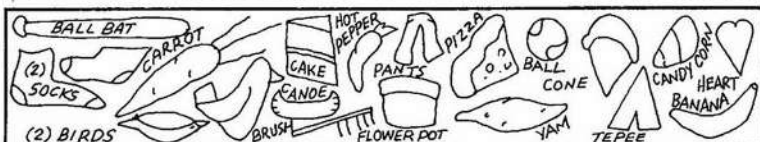
Now that it's soup season, I'm sure you're on the hunt for some new ideas. This one is guaranteed to please and it's super easy to make. I like to serve this with either grated or shaved Parmesan cheese, crusty rolls and a big salad. Bon appetit!

1 lb sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
 1 cup chopped onion
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 5 cups low-sodium beef broth
 ½ cup water
 ½ cup red wine
 2 cups canned diced tomatoes
 1 cup thinly sliced carrots

¼ cup roughly torn fresh basil leaves
 ½ tsp dried oregano
 1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
 1 & ½ cups sliced zucchini
 3 TBSP chopped fresh parsley
 12 oz fresh or frozen tortellini
 Grated Parmesan cheese, for serving

Brown the sausage in a large pot. Transfer sausage to a plate or container and set aside. Drain the fat from the pot but keep about 1 TBSP of pan drippings.

Saute onion and garlic in the drippings until tender, about 7 minutes. Stir in broth, water, wine, tomatoes, carrots, basil, oregano, tomato sauce and sausage. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Stir in zucchini and parsley. Simmer covered for 10 minutes. Add the tortellini and simmer 10 more minutes.



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Head Start Preschools are located in Pittsfield, Franklin, Concord, and Laconia.

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- Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the Post Content Team.
- Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday via News@PittsfieldPost.org

The Post Volunteers

Pumpkin & Pine Fair

Save Saturday, September 20th, for the Pumpkin & Pine Fair in North Barnstead. (9am to 2pm) This church fair has been held for over 20 years and is a great place to meet friends for lunch at the café and to shop for unique treasures or gift baskets. The colorful purses and bags with fabric from Ghana will be there, along with a silent auction that includes the art of juried NH artists. As always, there will be collectibles, home goods and lots of baked goods. Come find something for your home or start thinking of Christmas gifts. The Congregational Church of North Barnstead uses the fair funds both to support the church and to extend their ministry out into the world, including to local community groups and families in need. The address is 504 North Barnstead Road in Center Barnstead. There is signage on Rte. 28.



Pittsfield Post Volunteer Opportunity:

Biweekly Email Newsletter & Website Coordinator - Are you passionate about communications and looking to make a difference? The *Pittsfield Post* seeks a reliable, detail-oriented volunteer to electronically manage/distribute our biweekly email newsletter and update our website. The prepared newspaper document will be sent to you as part of the team for conversion to email format. Basic knowledge of email marketing platforms, such as MailChimp, or similar, and website content management, such as Wix, or similar, would be helpful. The work can be done at home and requires about two hours every other week. **Training will be provided.** This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and contribute to the local news of the *Pittsfield Post*, which has been in operation for over 5 years! Interested? Please write to: News@pittsfieldpost.org





October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> Food Pantry Mon. 11am - 2pm 4 - 6pm Thurs: 11am - 2pm (603) 435-7300 </div> <div> Senior Center Hours Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm </div>			1 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club	2 5:30pm School Board meeting 6pm ZBA meeting, Town Hall	3	4
5	6 6pm CIP Committee meeting 6:30pm American Legion, Town Hall	7 9am-11am 1st Cong. Church diaper pantry 5pm Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall 6pm Parks & Rec mtg	8 4pm Community Development Com. mtg, Town Hall 7pm Sun. Valley Sno-Riders mtg.	9 6pm PES PTO 7pm Planning Board Meeting	10	11 8:30 - 9:30am Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
12 1pm-4pm Pittsfield Historical Society Open	13 6pm CIP Committee Meeting 6:30pm Library: Mead and Read Book Club meeting 7pm Chamber of Commerce meeting	14 5pm Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall	15 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club	16 5:30pm School Board meeting	17	18 10-3pm Victory Workers Fall Festival at Dowboro Farm 7pm Live Music by "Silk Purse" and "Loose Ground" at Scenic Theater
19	20 5:30-6:30pm Community Supper 6pm CIP Committee meeting	21 5pm Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall	22	23 7pm Conservation Commission meeting	24	25 12-3pm Harvestfest
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