

PITTSFIELD POST

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"While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her fingers on the latch." *Patience Strong*

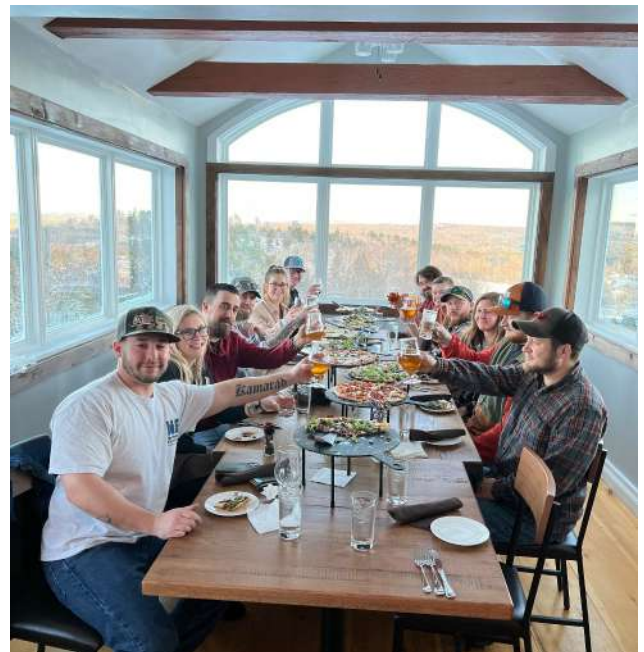
February 15, 2023



Over The Moon Farmstead Restaurant & Tap Room Fully Operational

Almost two years to the date that Michael Fairbrother and Berniece Van Der Berg set off on a plan to renovate the nearly 270 year old farmstead on Upper City Road in Pittsfield, they are delighted to announce the grand opening of the restaurant.

Executive Chef David Smith, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, with a distinguished career as an accomplished executive chef and his wife Pam, with years of experience managing Cotton in Manchester as General Manager, have put together a team that is exciting patrons with a fresh, creative farm-to-table menu. A full bar is now added along with popular 'Best of New Hampshire' beer, mead and cider that has been delighting crowds this last year. Cocktails are now also an option. With an elegant farmstead décor and stunning views, the restaurant is sure to delight customers looking for an elevated, friendly eating environment where quality is priority.



Says Michael Fairbrother, "This is another step in our vision for the farm, providing a quality destination location experience every time for our customers."

Berniece Van Der Berg adds, "We have always strived for excellence with customer experiences.

The new restaurant and tap room continue our quest. The community has been very supportive, we really appreciate that. We are proud and excited to highlight Pittsfield as a place to stop and enjoy.

We invite the community to visit and try out the menu that offers everything from authentic wood fired Italian pizzas to an a la carte menu that spins creative cooking options that will change often. Desserts currently on offer include dishes such as Crème Brulee and Fosters Banana Pudding. The restaurant will operate for now Thursdays to Sundays; hours are Thursday and Friday, 4pm to 8pm; Saturday, 2pm to 8pm; and Sunday, 2pm to 6pm. Reservations are recommended. The original tap room will still operate as usual, offering live music, Music Bingo and Trivia Nights.



Over the Moon Farmstead is now booking reservations for special events and wedding space for 2023. Visit us on Facebook or our website www.overthemoonfarmstead.com Or call us at 603-216-2162, extension 1; or email us info@overthemoonfarmstead.com Berniece Van Der Berg

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346

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The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Weds, **Feb 15** at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society on Oak Street.

Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball is accepting donations for their June Cash Calendar. Minimum of \$25 cash donation or gift certificate. Donations are needed by **Feb 17**. Please contact Melissa at 603-496-3928 or pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com

NEW members are needed for the **Old Home Day Committee**. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346, text 603-451-8762 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

PYBA (Pittsfield Youth Baseball Assoc.)

Baseball/Softball signups will be held at the Pittsfield Community Center on Sun, **Feb 19** from 4-6pm, Weds, **Feb 22** from 6-8pm, and Tues, **Mar 7** from 6-8pm. Mail-in registrations accepted through **Mar 10**. Sign-up fees are \$30/player through **Feb 28** - courtesy of the Bingo Fundraiser. As of **Mar 1**, fee will be \$50 (Max of \$125/family). Limited scholarships are available. Please contact pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com for more information.

A Pasta Supper will be held on Mon, **Feb 20** at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church. Cost is donation Only.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Fri, Feb 24. The blood drive will be from 1pm - 6pm at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (800)733-2767 or visit their website redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person, please contact us.

The Senior Center has lots going on:

Activity Schedule

Senior Community

Lunch: Mon & Weds & Thurs, 11:30am

Brunch: First Fri of every month at 10am

Bingo: Mon and Thurs, 9:30am - 11am

Cribbage &

Games: Weds 9am -10:30am

Crafts/Knitting: Weds, 10:30am

Exercise: Sweatin' to the Oldies Mon & Thurs, 8:15am-9am; and Tues, 9:15am-10am

Walking at Center: Mon & Weds thru Fri, 8am - 1pm



Attention **Candidates for Town & School offices – the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** is hosting a Meet the Candidates Night on Weds, **Mar 8**. Each candidate was emailed or mailed a letter inviting them to the event and asking them to submit a letter for the Candidates Night packet by Sun, **Feb 19** at 5pm. If you did not receive this information, contact Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Happy Birthday wishes to Patty Houle and Traci Plante on Saturday. I hope you both enjoy your special day! **Happy Anniversary** wishes to Fred & Sheila Holmes on Sunday, February 12.

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Pittsfield Players' Kids' Theater Workshop *Grease School Edition* in Rehearsals

The Players' Kids' Theater Workshop is deep into rehearsals, and already the wonderful talent these young people have is shining brightly on The Scenic stage. By the time they get to actually perform for our audiences, this just might be the best Kids' show ever. The show will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 23, 24 and 25, at 7:30 pm each evening. Tickets are now on sale: \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids under age 12. Visit our website at pittsfieldplayers.org to purchase tickets online, or reserve tickets by calling 603 435-8852.

Grease tells the story of Rydell High's senior class of 1959; of the duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950's in this rollicking musical. Head greaser Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such favorite songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," and "We Go Together," recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley, that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals, along with innumerable school and community productions, place *Grease* among the world's most popular musicals.

Grease School Edition has been edited for content for a younger audience, but all the great songs are still there. The show is co-directed by Maye Hart and DeeDee Douglas, who is also the choreographer, with costumes by Cathy Williams. Cecily Schultz is assistant to the directors. The kids are handling not only the acting, dancing and singing, but also stage management, set building and decoration, lighting and sound, and learning a whole lot about theater in the process.

Don't miss this fabulous kids' production by The Pittsfield Players. Get your tickets now!
Maye Hart

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Cook's Corner

Sesame Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry



I know you're always looking for dinners that are quick and easy to get to the table, and while this ingredient list looks long, this one-pot meal comes together fast. Although this calls for steak, I've also made this with pork tenderloin and with boneless chicken breast (sliced thin, or use chicken tenders). I normally double the sauce ingredients; and we use brown rice, although you can also serve this over cooked ramen or other noodles. Bon appetit!

2 TBSP soy sauce

2 TBSP cooking sherry

1 TBSP sugar

2 tsp rice vinegar (cider vinegar will do in a pinch)

½ tsp red pepper flakes

½ tsp cornstarch

1 TBSP plus 1 tsp vegetable oil

1 lb boneless New York strip steak, thinly sliced

1 small red onion, sliced thin vertically

1 box Shitake mushrooms, sliced (or cremini mushrooms)

2 red bell peppers, thinly sliced vertically

1 cup fresh broccoli florets

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 TBSP toasted sesame seeds

Cooked rice for serving

Thin sliced scallions for serving (optional)

In a small bowl, combine soy sauce, sherry, sugar, vinegar, red pepper flakes and cornstarch. If you prefer more sauce, double the amounts for these ingredients.

In a large skillet, heat 1 TBSP vegetable oil and in two batches, cook the steak, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Transfer to a plate and keep warm. Add 1 tsp more of the oil to the skillet and add the onion, cook for 2 to 3 minutes over medium heat. Add the garlic, cook for 1 minute. Add the bell peppers and cook for 1 minute.

Add the Shitake mushrooms, cook for 1 to 2 minutes.

Add the broccoli and cook for another 2 minutes.

Whisk the soy sauce mixture into the skillet, then add the steak back in (including any accumulated juices).

Cook for 1 to 2 minutes so everything is heated through.

Serve with rice, topped with a few sprinkles of sesame seeds and the chopped scallions. *MP Christakos*

That Reminds Me of a Story with Rebecca Rule

Sunday, March 19, 2 pm – 3 pm
Graylag Nature Preserve
320 Clough Road, Pittsfield

Join us at Graylag Nature Preserve's Midway Cabin for an afternoon of storytelling with Rebecca Rule. Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories - her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own. This event is sponsored by the NH Humanities and is free of charge.

For more information, call Graylag at 603-435-5555 or email anne@graylagcabins.com

Politics from the Gallery

To the readers of the *Pittsfield Post*, and those outlying towns: We've heard from our Reps several times now on what's going on in the State House. Clayton and Cyril have been VERY busy earning their \$100! I've also been attending a few hearings and testifying at some, so I thought sharing via the *Post* would encourage others to do the same.

One of the great things about NH is the ability for regular people to go and share their views at the "House." You don't have to get elected in order to make a difference! My advice is when you speak at a hearing, keep it to less than 3 minutes. Listen to what others have said before you so you don't make the same points. No one there wants to waste time, so don't be guilty. You can access the "calendar" of the week's hearings by going to <https://www.claytoncyril4house.com> and find the link for the House Calendar. We're so lucky we don't have to travel 2 hours to be heard.

This week I testified to the Criminal Justice Committee against the Red Flag Gun bill, HB 106-FN. I've witnessed how it is used by the actual lawbreaker to achieve their own satisfaction. This is a gross miscarriage of justice. I spoke at the Education Committee in favor of HB 539-FN. There have been circumstances where children have been administered vaccines at school, during clinics, against the parents' expressed written wishes. This bill prevents schools from hosting those clinics during school hours. Since schools no longer sing Christmas songs for fear of lawsuits, the liability with turning schools into medical facilities is a no brainer!

I have more, but why don't you go make your own stories? *Kathy Holmes*

Express your Opinion!

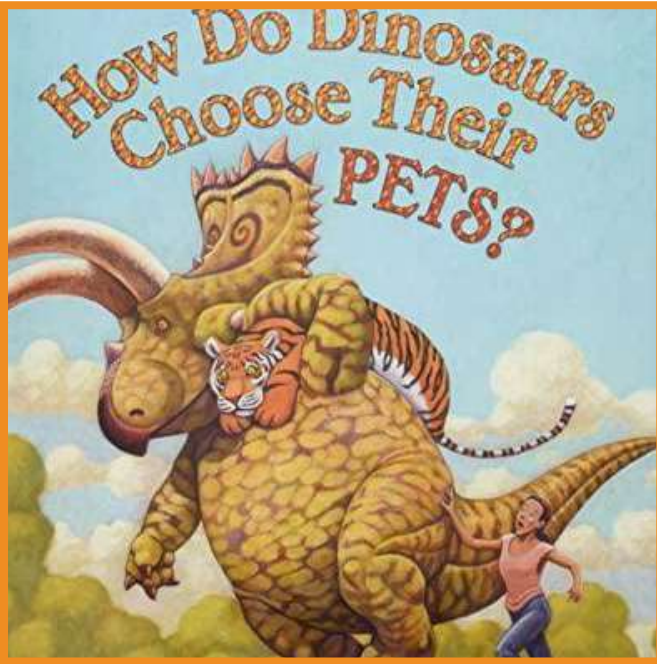
Do you have opinions or questions you would like to share? Are you a candidate for an elected position in Pittsfield?

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ 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.

Email deadline is noon on Friday via pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

Have a good laugh with JCL!



We have once again partnered with Pittsfield Head Start to bring you the next StoryWalk, *How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?*

Come along on a playful romp as dinosaurs choose outrageous pets, shocking their parents in this fantastically funny addition to Yolen and Teague's bestselling, award-winning series.

Full of hilarious laugh-out loud humor, giant dinosaurs surprise their parents by bringing home a variety of very unusual pets. After discussing practical pets, the book also mentions places to get pets, including shelters and pet stores.

Families may pick up a map from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main Street at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main Street to read the last page of the story, stop in to pick up a free gift!

For more books about dinosaurs or your favorite practical pets, visit the library Mondays and Thursdays from 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2 to check out our selections.

A special thank you to *Pittsfield Head Start* for collaborating with us to make this month's *StoryWalk*® possible. (If you or your business/organization is interested in sponsoring a town-wide *StoryWalk*® this year, please let us know!) The *StoryWalk*® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library, to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. A *StoryWalk*® is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. As you follow the map, you'll be directed to the next page in the story. *Melissa Babcock*



Help Wanted

Resident ADL Assistant: Vintage Hill, LLC is seeking per diem help (average 1-2 shifts / week) for all aspects of keeping a home (preparing and serving meals, medication supervision, hygiene support, housekeeping and laundry). Looking for a compassionate individual with strong organizational skills (particularly in the kitchen), a heart for serving the elderly, and the ability to work independently. Salary depends on experience, in addition to a \$4.00/hour weekend differential. To apply, download application on our website (www.vintagehill.net) and return by e-mail (vintagehill@metrocast.net) or drop off at 10 Berry Avenue, Pittsfield.



Pittsfield NH School District Candidates for 2023

School Board Member 1 (3) year term

- Sabrina Smith
- Helen Schiff

School Board Member 1 (1) year term

- Tara Cabral
- Adam Cote
- Dan Schroth

School District Treasurer 1 (3) year term

- Vacant

Town of Pittsfield Candidates for 2023

Selectman 1 (3) year term

- Gerard LeDuc
- Daniel Greene

Town Treasurer 1 (3) year term

- Donna Stockman

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 (3) year term

- Vacant

Library Trustee 1 (3) year term

- Sandra Adams

Cemetery Trustee 1 (3) year term

- Cedric Dustin III

Planning Board 1 (3) year term

- Rick Anthony

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 (3) year term

- George Bachelder
- Mike Cabral
- Arthur O'Hara

To the Voters of Pittsfield

I heard that no one signed up to run for Trustee of the Trust Funds, so I spoke with Scott Brown, whose term is up this year, and I made the decision to run as a write-in candidate.

Steve Keeley

To the Voters of Pittsfield

When I became aware that no one filed to run for School District Treasurer, I researched the responsibilities of the position. I have decided to put myself forward as a write-in candidate.

Sincerely, Leslie Vogt

To the Readers of the Post

It's February 4, Town Deliberative Session day. It's 7:30am; I'm patiently waiting for the clock to strike 9, when I can head to town. I'm feeling positive the Town will support adding \$10,000.00 to the Town budget to help combat climate change.

Everyone, in every decision that is before them, needs to think of ways they can reduce the amount of carbon coming out of the ground. We should always blame ourselves for our situation. That way we can do something about it. If the problem seems too big, start with just one change. Whenever I start a stone project I start with one rock. That is the tough one. I mean, just get going.

Got home by noon - lost the vote. Maybe I (we) just need more time to convince them. I'll try again at the School Deliberative Session.

Dan the Stoneman

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Monday, February 6, was a special day at the State House with an Inauguration Ceremony for NH Kid Governor Haydin Simmons. Representative Aures got a chance to meet with her to discuss her plans to eliminate hunger and poverty in the Granite State. Haydin may be back as a representative in 8 years, since Valerie McDonnell from Salem is the youngest member in history at 18 and is currently in the House. Sincerely,
Representatives *Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures*

Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

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Do you love NH and are looking for ways to share your passion?

Granite State Ambassadors is a flexible volunteer program where you can choose to volunteer once a week, once a month, once a year or anything in between!

I recently heard about it and signed up for its annual certification training. You must be certified to serve and this is only offered in the Spring each year.

There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities including museums, chambers of commerce, one-day events, etc.

What piqued my interest is volunteering at the State House in the gift shop, giving tours, and also attending events like the Highland Games or the Seafood Festival, working one 3-hour shift and getting free admission and parking!

If you're interested - NOW is the time to do it due to the upcoming certification classes. *Sally Kelly*



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