

# PITTSFIELD POST

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Let's get carried away.....*anonymous*

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## Did you know? .... Benjamin Franklin witnessed the first hot air balloon flight!

In September of 1783, Benjamin Franklin helped negotiate the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War between the British Empire and the American colonies, and began the ascension of the United States and an entirely new world. A short six weeks later, Benjamin Franklin would witness and document an entirely different revolutionary feat of ascension. On November 21, 1783, Franklin was in attendance to witness the first manned flight of the Montgolfier brothers' hot air balloon. Franklin wrote that he wanted to inspect the machine to "judge what weight it would bear and see that all was right." Franklin continued, "It rose in the most majestic manner and when it was about 270 feet high, the intrepid voyagers took off their hats and saluted the spectators." Franklin's analytical and curious mind quickly grasped the revolutionary potential of manned flight, along with the engineering dilemmas to improve the technology.

The Benjamin Franklin Academy is a public charter school which is currently in the charter approval phase and is looking to locate in the greater Pittsfield region. The BFA will seek to emulate the intellectual curiosity of its namesake and help its students ascend to new horizons.

*Michael Dupont, Assistant Dean  
Benjamin Franklin Academy*

## Attention Craft-Loving Fair Goers and Hot Air Balloon Rally-ers!

The Pittsfield Historical Society is celebrating the return of the Suncook Valley Rotary Club's Hot Air Balloon Rally - and its 40th anniversary - by sponsoring the ever-popular Craft Fair. New and returning artisans from throughout New Hampshire and Maine will be on the field Saturday, August 6, from 10am to dusk.

Among the crafts featured will be: crocheted toys and home items; shadow boxes; handcrafted jewelry; fossils, minerals and crystals; jams, jellies and spice blends; wood products; hair accessories; quilted totes and bags; photography; and much more.

So, bring yourselves to the fair, shop early for Christmas gifts... or spoil yourself! We'll see you there!

The Pittsfield Historical Society's new museum at 4 Oak Street is now officially open! The Society would like to thank all the visitors who joined us on Saturday, July 23, to celebrate the Grand Opening of our new museum. We were honored by the warm reception and participation. If you missed the festivities, as it was a tad hot outside, please check out the video of the ceremonies which is posted in the society's website:

<https://pittsfieldhistory.com>

Many of you weren't able to fully explore all the various displays, so please stop by any Tuesday morning between 9am and noon, or call the museum at 603-435-8004 to arrange a time to visit.

**The museum will be open on Saturday, August 6, between 10am and 2pm to help celebrate Pittsfield's Balloon Rally. Come on by!**



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The Suncook Valley Rotary Club presents the 40th Annual Hot Air Balloon Rally on Friday - Sunday August 5-7 at Drake Field. Balloon Liftoffs are scheduled for Friday, at 5:30pm; Saturday at 5:30am and 5:30pm; and Sunday at 5:30am. Balloon Night Glows at dusk on Friday and Saturday nights.

For an up-to-date schedule of events, activities, and launch status, follow Suncook Valley Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally @suncookvalleyrotaryballoonrally and Over the Moon Farmstead @overthemoonfarmstead on Facebook and Instagram.

For public safety reasons, and with the exception of the 'Anything That Floats' event, the boat ramp at Pittsfield's Drake's Field will be **closed** for the duration of the 40th Annual Suncook Valley Hot Air Balloon Rally: Friday, August 5 – Sunday the 7th

### **Here are some of the fun activities:**

- Midway Carnival Rides
- Global Tour with Wildlife Encounters
- Live Entertainment & Activities, Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7 -*Time TBD at Over the Moon Farmstead.*
- Helicopter Rides
- Rotary Pancake & Egg Breakfast
- Free Sunrise/Balloon Rise Yoga Flow with Powerful You Yoga
- Touch-a-Truck & Meet-a-Mascot
- Craft Fair
- 3-on-3 Basketball and Mixed-Double Tennis Tournaments on Sat, Aug 6 from 10-2pm at the Courts. Register at [www.pmhssummertournaments.weebly.com](http://www.pmhssummertournaments.weebly.com) Sponsored by the PMHS Class of 2023/2025.
- River Raft Regatta "Anything That Floats"
- Inspire K-9's Dog Demonstration
- Cornhole Tournament - Register your team by emailing [pto@pittsfieldnschools.org](mailto:pto@pittsfieldnschools.org)
- Tie Dye Party
- Birthday Cupcake Eating Contest
- Fireworks!!! Saturday, August 6 at Drake Field following the Balloon Night Glow.

### **Suncook Valley Rotary Pittsfield Balloon Rally's**

**Frank H. Donovan 5K** - We are excited to let you know that this year's race is back in person and we hope to see you there. The race is Sunday, August 7 at 9am. Register at [suncookvalleyrotary.org](http://suncookvalleyrotary.org) - **see left side of page for link.** Registrations are also welcome at the gazebo on Drake Field on the morning of the race for \$25, cash only. There will be awards for each age category and \$100 cash prizes for each male and female winner. For information, please contact Libby & Keith Kun at 603-505-1635, or email [frank5krun@gmail.com](mailto:frank5krun@gmail.com)

### **Victory Workers 4-H Club's Cow Chip Bingo** is back!

Tickets are available NOW!! All proceeds assist the club with educational programs, life skill projects, scholarships and other activities that help the kids "Make the Best Better" For tickets, please contact Pam Clattenburg at 435-0772 or Melissa Babcock at 496-3928. Cow Chip Bingo on Sunday, August 7 at 9am at Drake Field.

**Exciting news coming from the PES PTO!!!** The new fundraiser is PES PTO Paints for Students!!! Do you like hot air balloons and have dreamed of designing your own balloon? Now is your chance!! We will be selling hot air balloon plywood cutouts for you to design and paint. There will be a limited number for this year, to see how the participation is. There will be cash prizes for two categories. There will be an "Over 18" and "Under 18" category. Contact the PES PTO Facebook messenger for more information.

**Friends Meetinghouse (Quaker Church)**, Dowboro Road in South Pittsfield will hold two services, Sunday, Aug 7th at 1:00 pm, Harold Muzzey will be the speaker; and on Sunday, August 21 at 1pm, Nancy Talbott will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Allison Buttafuoco and Val Guy last Monday, Diane Vaughan and Mary Thorpe on Tuesday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Elaine & Dave Cannon – Cheers to many more happy years!

**Grow, Learn,  
Read Daily  
Activity**  
Josiah Carpenter  
Library

### 3 TALKING

Make this "same and different" day.

*How are our socks the same and different? They go on our feet and are different colors.*

### Classifieds

**Pittsfield Community Center**  
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## **Cook's Corner**

### **Lamb Burgers with Feta & Dijonnaise**

Are you looking for something a little different than the 'same old, same old' beef burger? Look no further. These lamb burgers will definitely spice up your next cookout. I always add a little bit of ground beef when I'm cooking with ground lamb; a little bit of beef helps keep the lamb from falling apart when cooked. Serve these on toasted brioche or hamburger buns, or if you're really committed to getting your Greek vibe on – serve these on warmed pita or naan bread. You'll want to top these lovelies with crumbled Feta cheese, thinly sliced onion, and either arugula or lettuce. Sliced fresh tomatoes are always welcome. A nice batch of oven fries, or oven-roasted potatoes would be delightful. Take a few minutes to download "Never On Sunday" to your playlist, then after dinner, get a Greek line dance party started! Oopa! I hope you enjoy. *MP Christakos*

#### **Serves 4**

1 lb ground lamb  
¼ lb ground beef  
2 TBSP finely chopped shallot  
2 TBSP Worcestershire sauce  
2 tsp chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tsp chopped fresh mint  
2 TBSP Dijon mustard  
1 tsp kosher or coarse salt, divided  
¾ tsp black pepper, divided  
½ cup mayonnaise  
¼ cup sour cream  
1 tsp minced garlic  
4 brioche or hamburger buns, lightly toasted  
Toppings: crumbled Feta cheese, thinly sliced red onions, arugula or lettuce  
Mix the ground lamb, ground beef and chopped shallots together in a bowl. Add Worcestershire, cilantro, mint, 1 TBSP of mustard, ¼ tsp each salt and pepper. Combine well. Divide the mixture into 4 balls. Shape each ball into a 4-inch wide patty, about ¾ inch thick. Arrange patties on a plate or baking sheet, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 8 hours.  
Stir together mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, ¼ tsp salt & pepper and remaining Dijon mustard in a small bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and chill until ready to use.  
Lightly oil your grill grate and heat grill to medium-high. Sprinkle the patties with a little more salt & pepper. Place patties on the oiled grill grate, cover, and cook for about 5 minutes per side.





*Up Up & Away*

COMING TO PITTSFIELD

AS WE EXPLORE

**Benjamin Franklin  
Public Charter School  
Grades 6-12**

PITTSFIELD BALLOON RALLY  
AUGUST 5 & 6

FROM 3 - 8 PM EACH DAY  
PLEASE VISIT OUR TABLE!  
YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

TO US  
THANK YOU

