

FOOD; Gibbet Hill serves up farm-fresh approach to tradition

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With a new twist on historic New England dining, the Gibbet Hill Grill opens this fall on a 300-acre site in Groton.

Owned by Steven Webber, founder of Geotel Computer, and his three grown children, the restaurant and a separate function hall are being installed in two historic barns on the property. Superstar restaurant designer Peter Niemitz is overseeing the renovations.

The grill's menu will emphasize New England and American food and wine, using ingredients grown at nearby farms. The first menu is likely to include prime beef, chicken potpie, Black Angus meatloaf with mushroom gravy and a baked scallop-and-lobster casserole with buttered cracker crumbs.

The historical reference in the grill's name is staying: A gibbet is an early English form of guillotine. The functions barn will be available for meetings, weddings and events starting in mid- October.