



Financial Strategies
For Your Future

February 2024 Newsletter



February already; where does the time go? Before we know it, warm weather will return! In the meantime, these colder months are a great time to tackle projects that have been postponed, such as getting finances in order. We'd be happy to help! Please feel free to reach out by calling (603)343-4515 or email us at eric.wasson@aztecfg.com.

Feel-good story time...

On a chilly winter morning, a Shiloh Shepherd named Tinsley was spotted on the side of I-89, between New Hampshire and Vermont. Police officers tried to get her off the road for her safety, but she dodged them and led them to the top of an

embankment. As the police officers approached,
they realized why she was so determined...

Want to know what happened next? Find the rest of
the story at the end of the newsletter!

Family Game Night

Where:
*Dover Public Library
73 Locust St.
Dover, NH 03820*

When:
Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm

All ages are welcome at this family-friendly game night. Get ready to meet other board game enthusiasts and have some relaxed fun! It takes place every third Wednesday at the Dover Public Library, so grab your friends and come on down!

Trivia Night

Where:
*Mitchell Hill Barbeque
50 N. Main St.
Rochester, NH 03867*

When:
Thursday, February 8 at 5:45pm

If you love trivia, this event is for you! The topics will be related to the New Year, the Grammys, bands, and more. Get there early to order your food, so you can be ready to wow everyone with your impressive trivia knowledge.

Paint Nite: Nightfall Reverie

Where:
*Cisco Brewers
35 Corporate Dr.
Portsmouth, NH 03801*

When:
Wednesday, February 7 at 6pm

Want to learn to paint but don't know where to start? Need a little fun in the middle of the week to get you to Friday? Look no further! Enjoy step-by-step instruction, fun tunes, drinks, and delicious food with local artist Katrina Reid as you paint a masterpiece.

Winter Wine Festival

Where:
*Wentworth by the Sea
588 Wentworth Rd.
New Castle, NH 03854*

When:
Friday, February 9 at 6pm

Live jazz, food and wine stations to wander between, beautiful coastal scenery; what's not to love? If this date doesn't work for you, there are others. Check out their website for more info!



Video: Forecast

This short video helps explain why markets can be as unpredictable as the weather.



Article: Retirement Seen Through Your Eyes

How do you picture your future? Some see retirement as a time to start a new career. Others see it as a time to travel. Still others plan to spend more time with family and friends.



Check out [the article](#) to find out about things to consider.

Infographic: The Half Million Dollar Baby

"A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door." - Confucius

The Half Million Dollar Baby

THE TRUE COST OF HAVING A KID.

What does it actually cost to raise a child?

A hospital bill for a **childbirth** can run quite high. Births can cost as much as **\$20,000**, depending on a wide variety of factors.¹ Not to mention the costs associated with prenatal care.

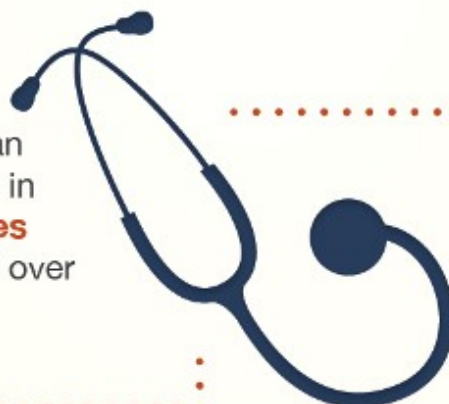


Kids have to eat. **Food costs** can average almost \$2,500 a year, according to the USDA. That's almost **\$45,000** spent feeding a child by the time they're 18.²



For households with two working parents, **hiring help** can be costly, ranging between **\$5,436** to **\$24,243** per year, depending on the type of care given.³

Children require an estimated \$1,020 in **medical expenses** every year. That's over **\$18,360** by 18.²





The cost of **college** at a private institution topped **\$54,880** a year for the 2020-2021 school year.⁴

Children outgrow their clothes fast! One estimate says the cost of **clothing a child** can be more than \$490 a year, adding up to **\$8,820** to keep your kid warm.²



A bigger car, higher insurance, an extra plane ticket. **Transportation** is a cost not often thought about when planning for a child, but those costs can average **\$1,337** a year! That's a lot of gas money!²

Children need **a place to sleep**. A larger home, furnishings, and the cost that go with each can run a family over \$4,430 a year. **\$79,740** by the time the child is 18!²



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1. SmartAsset.com, 2020

2. US Department of Agriculture, 2021 (Figures updated in 2017. Most recent information available.)

3. Investopedia.com, 2020

4. Collegeboard.com, 2020

Feel-good story time...

(Continued)

At the bottom of the embankment, the police officers found a badly damaged car and two injured occupants who had been thrown from the vehicle. One of them was Tinsley's owner. They were given medical assistance, and only survived thanks to loyal and smart Tinsley. She was rewarded with venison and no doubt a lifetime of gratitude.

To read the full story and other feel-good news, click [here](#).



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