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## Celebrate Spring with Jed's Maple Open House Weekend March 22 & 23, 2025



Jed's Maple Welcomes All for Weekend of Family Fun at their Annual Sugar on Snow Party & Maple Open House

Derby, VT - Jed's Maple Products is excited to share that their 26th Annual Sugar on Snow Party and Maple Open House will be held March 22 & 23 from 10-4 each day. The event will be held in conjunction with the Vermont statewide Maple Open House

Weekend. The event is a wonderful way to celebrate Spring and Vermont's first crop of the year! Most events take place outside so please dress accordingly.

Jed's Maple is thrilled to be celebrating their 26th anniversary sugar on snow party with the community. The event started as a way to say thank you to the friends and family that helped with their first year of sugaring. The event has grown into a community event that many consider a rite of passage into spring. The fun, free family event includes sugar on snow, wood-fired maple pizza, spe-

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cialty food sampling, many children's activities including making a keepsake button, coloring, and story time.

Jed's Maple Products is a certified organic sugaring operation. They use high pressure steam in their evaporator rather than wood or oil. They also have a commercial kitchen and most of their specialty foods are made on site. The gift shop

is open six days/week year-round offering tours (by appointment), tastings and more. They also host fieldtrips for school groups by appointment.

Jed's Maple is a proud participant in Audubon's Bird Friendly Maple Program. They will be sharing information throughout the weekend about how they help the migratory songbirds that nest in their woods during the spring and summer months. 'Auddie', the Jed's Maple Bird Ambassador, will be making appearances both days.

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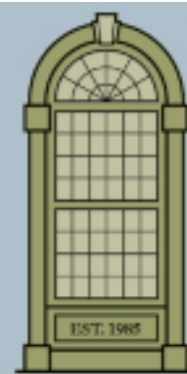
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# Tuttle's Family Diner

Hope everybody had a great last couple weeks. This is you I was ecstatic to have a couple of my son's friends. Sara and Rhianne come with me to Tutttles. It was at least Sara's first time being in there since it was taken over by the tutttles. They followed my lead and we sat down at the counter. There were a few people in there I knew.

The the waitress and for the life of me, I cannot right now remember her name, but she is a staple in there asked us what we wanted to drink. I ended up with a Coke, the girls got coffee and chocolate milk. She asked if we were ready to order which we were. We each ordered omelettes with home fries that included onions and cheese on them and chose sourdough bread. Sara ordered some corn beef hash and I of course had to get some sausage gravy. Which I have to say is one of my favorite places to get sausage gravy. Yum yum. As we were sitting there waiting for our breakfast to come out they were cooking a pancake on the grill. The thing was massive. I think I may have to try one of those the next time we got our meal and as usual, it was very, very tasty. I of course, couldn't finish mine so I asked for a box. My bill ended up coming out to \$23.08. I paid with my credit card. If you walk in the door, there is a little area where you can pay. I Left a nice tip as the service and food were very good . We finished our conversation. And headed out. When we first got there, it was not as busy as I had expected, but by the time we left, it was getting pretty full. Till next time, listen to me on WYKR 101.3 for the next place that I will be going. I am on there the Friday before the paper comes out usually around 7 AM. Have a very trendy next couple weeks.

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The 81st annual North Haverhill Fair will see the Thayer Stage bursting with country music on Saturday, July 26. Not only is John King an accomplished writer of songs (Randy Houser's chart-topping hit "We Went" as well as Hootie and The Blowfish's "Rollin,") but "Always Gonna Be You," the full-length debut from this chart-topping country songwriter is an autobiographical album whose songs tell a universal story. For King, that story began in the Appalachian foothills of northern Georgia, where he worked construction jobs as a teenager and strummed his first songs around the campfire. He also began dating the woman who would later become his wife. Always Gonna Be You tells the story of that real-life romance, its songs brimming with details we've all experienced: the rush of a new relationship, the brink of a breakup, and the thrill of falling in



love. This free concert, will start at 8:00 PM and is just part of the full day of entertainment you get when you visit the North Haverhill Fair.

Saturday will also feature horse pulling, tractor pulling, an ox show, and all the other attractions that have made this fair such a family friendly and long standing tradition.

This year's fair gets started on Wednesday, July 23 with plenty of fun things to do. There will be a Demolition Derby with some new rules, the car show will return, ox pulling takes place in the covered Bishop Arena, a ride

special from Fanelli Amusements, and live music from the Thayer Stage. Plus you can visit all the commercial exhibitors, as well as the Arts & Crafts building with plenty of projects from 4-H members to members of the public vying for the top premiums in everything from quilts to photography., to baking.

Thursday at the North Haverhill Fair will also see live music, a ride special, plenty of exhibits and free shows. Plus you can get most any of your favorite fair foods.

This year's Friday night concert will feature "The Beautiful Losers" a tribute to Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band. Plus the motor sports get

geared up with a daytime tractor pulling stone boat show. If you want conventional horse power, visit the Bishop Arena for a number of horse pulling classes. Or step over to the Dellinger Ring and take control of a mini excavator to challenge your friends or co-workers.

The 81st annual North Haverhill Fair will wrap up on Sunday, July 27 with even more competition on the 300' clay pulling track, plus more horse pulls, horseshoe pitching contest, a draft horse show and another Fanelli Amusements ride special.

Remember that all of the shows, contests, and exhibits are free with your paid general

admission of \$15.00 for those over 12. Children 5-12 are just \$3.00. Those under 5 are admitted free. Also free is the parking just north of the fairgrounds. The Fred C. Lee Memorial Field is located at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway, just a few miles east of I-91 and about 30 minutes from I-93 in the picturesque Connecticut River Valley. Check our website [www.nohaverhillfair.com](http://www.nohaverhillfair.com) for full directions and a complete schedule of events. You can also find the rules for all the competitions so you can plan to enter and win cash premiums and prizes

A reminder as well that the fairgrounds will be opening for the annual Fair Food Festival on Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17. Food will be served on Friday from 5-8 pm. Saturday hours are from 11 am until 6 pm and will include the second annual Flea Market inside the commercial and arts & crafts buildings from 11 am until 4 pm. Admission either day is just \$5.00 per vehicle and includes the music from the Thayer Stage.



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Your Social Security benefits can be an important part of your retirement income — but when should you start collecting them? It's a big decision, so you'll want to consider your options carefully.

Essentially, you'll need to decide whether you're going to take your benefits as early as possible — age 62 — or if you should wait until your "full retirement age" or even longer. If you begin accepting benefits at 62, they'll be about 30% lower than if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you wait until 70, your benefits will be about 24% higher than at your full retirement age.

In deciding when to claim benefits, you'll want to weigh these factors:

**Income needs** — If you need the money to help meet your daily cost of living, then you may not feel you have much of a choice about when to take Social Security. However, if you have sufficient income from other sources, such as your 401(k) or other retirement accounts, you may be able to delay taking benefits until they're much larger.

**Employment** — If you're still working and you haven't reached your full retirement age yet, it might be a good idea to wait before claiming Social Security because your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned above \$23,400. In the year in which you reach

your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 earned above \$62,160. (But once you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will adjust your payments to credit you for the months during which your benefits were lowered because of your income.)

**Life expectancy** — None of us can say for certain how long we'll live — but you may have some hints. For example, if you have a family history of longevity, and you're in good health, you might decide it makes sense to delay taking Social Security until your full retirement age, or even later, as you could potentially have more years of receiving larger checks.

**Spouse** — If you're married, decisions about when to claim benefits could affect you or your spouse. The spouse with lower Social Security payments may be eligible to receive spousal benefits, which, when combined with their own benefits, can reach up to 50% of the higher-benefit spouse's payment at their full retirement age. To qualify, the lower-benefit spouse's benefit at their full retirement age must be less than half of the other spouse's full-retirement-age benefit. But if the lower-benefit spouse claims their benefits before their full retirement age, their own retirement benefit and the spousal benefit will be reduced. Also, the lower-benefit

spouse reaches their maximum benefit amount at their full retirement age — they won't receive additional benefits even if they or the higher-benefit spouse delays taking benefits past their respective full retirement ages.

One other point to keep in mind: If the higher-benefit spouse claims early, the survivor benefit to the other spouse is reduced, but if the higher-benefit spouse delays their benefit beyond their full retirement age, the survivor benefit is increased.

By making the appropriate choices, you can help maximize your Social Security benefits — and possibly enjoy a more comfortable retirement.

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## OBITUARY: Tausha Lee Ames,

Tausha Lee Ames, 45, passed away unexpectedly on February 20, 2025. Tausha was born on October 19th, 1979, in St. Johnsbury, VT to Randy Lee Ames and Rita (Davidson) Ames.

Tausha grew up in Woodsville, NH, she graduated from Woodsville High School and attended Johnson & Wales University. In 2003 Tausha brought Logan Lee Ames into this world and he was the apple in her eyes. Tausha loved cooking, snowmobiling, boating, and water skiing at the family camp on Groton Pond. Tausha worked at Kelley's Market and Bustons Supermarket as a teenager, and spent most of her career working with her mother, and then started her own cleaning business. "Knot enuf tyme" Tausha moved to Nashua NH for two years and worked for Amazon.

Tausha was very active and a member of the Woodsville American Legion Auxiliary. She was currently Sargent of Arms and involved with the senior Meals on wheels and school scholarship raffle dances.

Tausha is survived by her son, Logan Ames of Littleton, NH; her mother, Rita

Ames and Partner Ricky Hannett of Groton, VT; her grandmother; Bonnie Brill Edwards and step-grandfather, Les Edwards of Groton, VT; God Son, Jeremy Lanphear of Texas; God Parents, Joe and Darlene Fiore of North Haverhill, NH; Aunt Tracy Davidson and children, Summer & Graham and husband Jeff of Lunenburg, VT. Her special aunt Deidra Simano of Pike, NH, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She is predeceased by her father, Randy Lee Ames; her grandfather, Paul Davidson; Paternal Grandparents, Richard & Evelyn Ames; and special uncle Scott Simano; her life partner, Mark Degreenia; and her precious doggy companion, Raven.

A life celebration will be held on Saturday, July 26th, 2025, at noon, at Ames Camp on Lake Groton, VT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tausha's name to The American Legion Auxiliary Senior Meal Fund, Attn: Lori Thompson, P.O Box 24, Woodsville, NH 03785.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**OBITUARY:**  
**Stanley J.**  
**Beland**  
**1955-2025,**

Stanley J. Beland passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 14, 2025, in Woodsville, New Hampshire. He was born on December 22, 1955, in Woodsville, where he spent his life.

Stanley is remembered by his daughter Samantha Lashua and son-in-law, Matt Lashua and their children Kylee and Levi Lashua of Canaan, NH; his son Joseph Beland and daughter-in-law, Lynn Beland and their children Drake, Desmond and Naevia Beland of Ryegate, VT. Stanley is also survived by his sister, Cindy Gilman, and brother-in-law,

Charlie Gilman; his brothers Steve Beland and Edward "Skip" Paye; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Stanley J. Beland Sr. and Barbara Jean Towne.

Stanley's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. In accordance with his wishes and the wishes of the family, no services will be held.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

**Dumb and Dumber;**  
**By Maggie Anderson**

Well the democrats may have just put on the most ridiculous display in the history of politics.

The first during the President's address to Congress did nothing but make them look like the folks in the anti-depressant ad. You know the one in which the patient walks around with an inane paddle with a not-so-happy face scrawled on it.

The other thing their display accomplished was to make them look small and disrespectful of the position of the President of the United States. Whether or not you agree with a particular president, the office they hold deserves, in fact demands a certain respect, if nothing else simply by reason of all this country has been through to get where we are, and all we have accomplished on the way.

But the even more ridiculous - which didn't seem possible after their shenanigans during President Trump's address - were the videos of supposedly serious politicians pouncing around, slinging fists, and acting exactly like my baby brothers did when they found how cool kungfu movements made them look.

We deserve more decorum from our elected representatives. And more respect for the office of the President of the United States as well



**OBITUARY:**  
**Dorothy**  
**"Dot"**  
**E.**  
**Adrien,**  
**100,**

Dorothy "Dot" E. Adrien, 100, Newbury, VT, passed away at her home in Newbury on Monday, March 3, 2025, with family at her side. Born on July 7, 1924, at 1 Deer Park, Lynn, MA, much of her adolescence was spent in Lynn.

Dot graduated from Classical High School in 1942 and started working for the Lynn Institution for Savings. Dot married the man who always made her laugh, Joseph Adrien, in 1946. In 1971 Dot left the Lynn Institution for Savings and she and Joe moved to Vermont. Together they managed Aubuchon's Hardware in Bradford until they retired in 1986. Dot always referred to Vermont as "Heaven on Earth". When Joe passed away in 1997, they had been married for 51 fun-filled years.

Dot moved to Spear House Apartments in Wells River, VT in 2000. It was there that she made several new friends and enjoyed afternoon skip-bo games with her neighbors. Early weekday mornings she would eat breakfast with her "adopted sons", a great group of people whose company she enjoyed. In 2020 Dot moved back to the home that Joe and her son Dean built in Newbury. She lived the remainder of her days with

her daughter and son-in-law. Friendship and family meant everything to Dot, and many came to surround her with love and peace in her final moments.

Dot leaves behind nine cherished grandchildren; eleven adored great-grandchildren; 16 adored great-great-grandchildren; several fondly remembered nephews and nieces; her daughter Lee Adrien-Joslyn of Newbury, VT; son Dean Adrien and daughter-in-law Cathie (Vient) Adrien. She is predeceased by her parents, Tillman B. Landers and Cora (Hichens) Landers; two sisters, Ruth (Landers) Adrien and Lois (Landers) Thomson; son-in-law Alfred R. Joslyn Jr.; brothers-in-law Omer Adrien and Jack Thomson.

Special thanks to the hospice team from VNH who provided excellent Care to Dot in her final weeks. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Second Chance Animal Rescue, 1517 Meadow St., Littleton, NH 03561. There are no services planned. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Woodsville High Shool News



The Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program at Woodsville High School is proud to recognize Emily McCarthy as this week's JAG Student of the Week.

Emily began her JAG journey as a freshman and has consistently demonstrated dedication, leadership, and a strong commitment to both academic success and community service. She actively engages in the classroom, participates in service projects, and serves as a role model for her peers.

JAG Career Specialist Mrs. Nichols praised Emily's work ethic, stating, "Emily is a shining example of what it means to be a JAG student. She consistently steps up, engages in meaningful projects, and supports her peers. Her work ethic and positive attitude make her a true leader."

The JAG program at Woodsville High School provides students with career readiness skills, leadership opportunities, and hands-on learning experiences that help prepare them for future success.

Congratulations to Emily McCarthy for earning this recognition, and thank you for your dedication to JAG and our community!



Woodsville High School is proud to recognize Mrs. Cindy Lang, our Mentoring Supervisor, for her outstanding dedication and impact on both high school and elementary students.

In her role, Mrs. Lang supports WHS students who mentor younger students at Woodsville Elementary School, acting as teacher assistants. Through this mentorship program, high school students gain valuable leadership and teaching experience, while elementary students benefit from extra support and positive role models.

Her commitment to mentorship, responsibility, and community engagement strengthens connections between students of all ages, creating a collaborative and supportive learning environment.

Woodsville High School extends its deepest appreciation to Mrs. Lang for her dedication to student success and for inspiring the next generation



SPC. Tyler Rogers Holloway passed away on December 27, 2024, in Tidewater, Oregon.

Tyler was born on June 26, 1998, to Rhonda Proctor and Michael Paton, Sr. in Woodsville, NH. Tyler spent his childhood in the Northeast Kingdom. He graduated in 2017 from Blue Mountain Union School, in Wells River VT. Tyler joined the workforce after graduating and in 2019 enlisted in Active Duty with the US Army. He did his Basic Training in Columbia, SC and was later stationed in El Paso, TX at Fort Bliss. He did a Tour of Duty in Korea in 2021 before getting Honorably Discharged in August 2022. He received an Army Achievement Medal and a Korea Defense Service Medal among many other Medals and Achievements.

Tyler was outgoing and enjoyed life. He lived like it was his last day, to the fullest. He enjoyed riding his dirt bike, snowmobiles, fishing, hanging with

## OBITUARY: SPC. Tyler Rogers Holloway

his family and friends, traveling, and made a few cross country trips between Vermont and Oregon. Tyler had a big heart for Vermont where he grew up and for Oregon where he spent his last days. While in Oregon he had a hand in Commercial Fishing with Harley off the coast of Newport. It was there he met many other friends that he considered family on the Prindel Creek Farm in Tidewater. He was always there to help others in where he resided and when he was back home for visits in Vermont. He loved tinkering and made an impact in the lives of others.

Tyler is survived by his Mother, Rhonda Proctor and Father, Michael Paton, Sr (Christine). He is also survived by his Brother, Dallas Holloway; Half-Brothers Michael Paton, Jr and Joshua Paton; Half-Sisters Cheyenne Paton and Melinda Paton; Step-Brother Tim O'Keefe and Step Sister Alicia O'Keefe. Maternal Grandfather Kevin Proctor. Uncle Chris Col-

beth (Mary), Aunt Bobbie Jo Roberts (Kevin Worth), Cousins Jeffrey Joel Roberts (Lindsey) and Tristan Colbeth. Tyler's Girlfriend Amy Jewett. Tyler's Family Dog, Angel. Tyler's Closest Friends: Becca, Jimmy, Starlyn, Melanie, Joe, and Dan. Tyler had many other friends between Oregon and Vermont as well as many he served with in the military. Tyler also leaves those he was closest to at Prindel Creek Farm.

Tyler was predeceased by his Maternal Grandmother, Sharon Proctor and Step-Grandfather Elwyn Colbeth, Step-Grandmother Carline Proctor. Paternal Grandmother Betty Paton and Grandfather Bob Paton, Step-Grandfather Bill Gilson. He was also predeceased by his best friend, Bubba.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson Jr. 86, passed away peacefully in his home on February 28th, 2025. He was born in Woodsville, NH to Ralph “Waldo” and Alice (Meyette) Emerson of Newbury, VT on February 7th, 1939. He married Sharon (Downing) on May 7th, 1966, they were married for 58 years and had 3 children – Albert, Carol and Thelma.

Ralph possessed a natural ability and passion for working as a mechanic. He was employed at H.O. Taylor Chevrolet in Wells River, VT as Service Tech and Shop Manager for 30 years before starting his own business in the early 80’s. He owned and operated Ralph’s Transmission until he retired.

He enjoyed playing musical instruments all his life, with fond memories of his family’s band when he was younger. Ralph loved hunting, fishing, and berry picking with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed going to their sporting

**OBITUARY:**

**Ralph  
Waldo  
Emerson Jr.**

events. One of Ralph’s favorite activities was spending time with his grandson Corey Jr. working on the doodlebug.

Ralph enjoyed his time at Bear Ridge Speedway with his cousin Donald working on his race car. He later became the Tech Man for the speedway for a few years and was inducted into the Bear Ridge Speedway Hall of Fame in 2021.

Ralph was predeceased by his parents and his sister Dorothy Greenwood.

He is survived by his wife Sharon; his three children, Albert Emerson and wife Susan of Topsham Vermont, Carol Emerson and wife Joan of Vero Beach Florida, Thelma Kingsbury and husband Corey of Cave City Kentucky; his 8 grandchildren, Carrie (Emerson) DeLaBruere and husband Ryan, Dana (Emerson) Boudreau and husband Chris, Duncan Emerson, Hannah Emerson, Michael Emerson,

Corey Kingsbury Jr., Trevor Kingsbury, Devon Kingsbury and fiancé Emily; and 6 great grandchildren, Nikolas Garrison, Scotty and James DeLaBruere, Oliver Emerson, Weston Kingsbury and Theodora Kingsbury.

He is also survived by his siblings, Richard Emerson, John “Henry” Emerson, Barbara Miller, Joan Hayward, George Emerson, Frederick Emerson and Ruth Demick as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Ralph’s Life on June 7, 2025, at 1PM at Albert’s home, 114 Welch Rd. Topsham, VT

The family would like to thank everyone who visited and reached out. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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## OBITUARY: Elton Hunter Brinker ,

Newbury, VT - Elton Hunter Brinker, 69, died unexpectedly at his home earlier this year.

Born in Jacksonville FL, he was the son of Love Snow Brinker of Florida and Carroll Stanley Brinker, Sr. of Pennsylvania. The family lived in many different places on the East Coast. He attended Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH and graduated from George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, VA in 1975. He married his high school sweetheart, and they settled in Plainfield, NH. Elton and Sarah welcomed their only child in 1976. They divorced a few years later. In 1983, he married Ms. Lisa Hemmerling of NY, but they divorced the following year.

He worked as a stationary engineer for more than two decades at Dartmouth College's Hanover Heating Plant. Later, he earned his CDL and delivered fuel. More recently, he was a public school and private camp bus driver.

He lived in Newbury for more than three decades and was happy to call it home. For a few years, he was a Member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Vermont, Pulaski Masonic Lodge #58, Wells River, VT. On occa-

sion, he attended the Congregational Church in West Newbury. He was a cancer survivor. He is remembered as being friendly, gentle, kind, loving, honest, hard-working, and independent.

He is survived by his daughter, Kirsten Kulis, who resides in the Washington, DC area, son-in-law Zachary, and grandchildren Kathryn and Maxwell, as well as: sister Florence Powell of Chattanooga, TN, nephew Abraham Powell, and niece Ruth Powell; sister Susan Smith also of Chattanooga, and nieces Nicole Frazier, Penny Warner, and Leah Andelsmith; and, nephew Zachary Brinker of Bath, NH. He is predeceased by his father, mother, and brother, Stan Brinker of Bath, NH and Truro, MA, and his nephew Nicholas Brinker also of Bath.

A celebration of his life will be held this summer in Bath, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at DHMC (603-653-0700 and <https://dhmc.alumdev.itchcock.org/giving/cancer-care-support>)

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Weathervane's Intern Program Director, Marisa Kirby, will direct and choreograph the production. Kirby directed and choreographed last season's The Wedding Singer. Also Weathervane's resident choreographer, Kirby has choreographed many crowd-pleasing Weathervane productions, including Sister Act, Hello, Dolly!, Green Day's American Idiot, and Jesus Christ Superstar.

"I am so excited to be back at the Weathervane for Season 60, and I couldn't be any more excited to direct and choreograph Grease," said Kirby. "We all love Grease—the movie, the songs, and the dance moves. It will be a blast you don't want to miss!"

Performing in alternat-

ing repertory, Grease runs July 9 - August 16, 2025. Special events for Grease include an opening night champagne reception (July 9), costume contest (August 2), and trivia night (August 6).

Subscriptions and single tickets for Grease are on sale now at [weathervanenh.org](http://weathervanenh.org). Casting and additional creative team will be announced this spring. Grease is sponsored by Kerner's Car Wash & Quick Lube.

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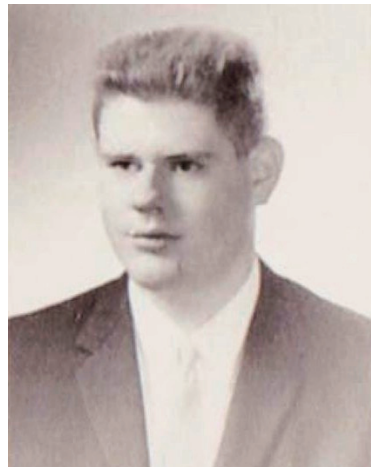
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# Marshall Education Fund Established to Assist Lisbon Grads

#1 The Marshall Education Fund in Memory of George and Ruth Marshall, is now available to Lisbon graduates going on to a four-year college. The Fund was established by the Marshalls' oldest son, Gene B. Marshall, Lisbon High School Class of 1960 (pictured). Courtesy photo

#2 George and Ruth Marshall are pictured in their Family Drug Store in Lisbon which they operated for decades while being active in the community. The Marshall Education Fund was set up in their names to assist Lisbon Regional School graduates. Courtesy photo



LISBON – Four years before passing away in 2013 at the age of 71, Lisbon native Gene B. Marshall entered into an agreement with New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to establish the Marshall Educational Fund in honor of his parents, George and Ruth Marshall, to be used to assist Lisbon Regional School graduates going on to a four-year college. Gene also provided for a distribution from his trust to go to his alma mater, Dartmouth College.

It wasn't until recently that Lisbon Regional School was informed that such a scholarship had been established, because Gene had first provided that his trust would benefit his mother and brother until their passing. His mother, Ruth, passed away in 2018 at the age of 100, and his brother, Kerry, passed away last December at

the age of 80. His father, George, passed away in 1997.

Gene Marshall attended Lisbon Public School all twelve years and graduated second in his class in 1960. Excelling at academics, Gene was one of three in the Lisbon Class of 1960 to attend Dartmouth College. Gene majored in government and graduated from Dartmouth in 1964. The next year, Gene passed exams that led him to be selected into a fabulous career as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.

Gene's career in foreign service took him to assignments in Damascus, Vietnam, Tehran, Kabul, Athens, Beijing, Birmingham, Alabama, Washington, D.C., and Montreal. Gene was eventually appointed U.S. Consul General to the Peoples Republic of China and U.S. Consul in Montreal. China was a spe-

cial place for Gene, as his paternal grandparents had been missionaries in south central China from the 1890s to 1911.

Gene's father, George Marshall, enjoyed a career working in Lisbon pharmacies for 67 years, and from 1942-1997, George and his wife, Ruth, owned and operated Family Drug Store in Lisbon Square. Ruth was a schoolteacher and later the Town Librarian. Gene took great pride in his parents' legacy as active community members and owners of the drug store with its famous soda fountain, and the store's importance to the townspeople as a daily gathering place for a cup of coffee, town news, and discussion on politics. Gene soaked it all in and also became a scholar of the town's history and collector of oral traditions passed on through the generations.

In 1937, George Marshall was the last person in the State of New Hampshire to become a registered pharmacist by apprenticeship and exam. That was one of many facts and anecdotes Gene Marshall could recite on command. Gene was known for his broad knowledge, exceptionally detailed memory, and the ability to master a conversation on almost any subject.

When Gene retired in 1993, he returned to Lisbon and designed his own home where he enjoyed his gardens, gourmet cooking, music, playing piano, and reading in his well-stocked library room. He served two terms as a State Representative, spent time researching his family and town history, and was a valued Lisbon Area Historical Society Trustee.

Gene experienced first-hand the value of higher education and

wanted to assist his fellow Lisbon alum(s) in having the same advantage while honoring his dear parents. Gene never forgot what it was like when he was accepted at Dartmouth College and the concern he and his family had regarding the ability to pay the tuition. Luckily, Gene received sufficient assistance to attend Dartmouth College. He described to his Executors the circumstances and attitudes toward education by stating, "I have long felt that one of the most important advantages of attending Dartmouth was the confidence it gave me that I could compete on a national level. Success with one of the most rigorous selection processes (for the Foreign Service) and a nearly thirty-year career in the diplomatic service confirmed that feeling."

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OBITUARY:  
Richard  
Reali,

Richard Reali, 77, of Bath, New Hampshire passed away on February 8, 2025, at Cottage Hospital after a short period of failing health. He was 77 years old and spent his final weeks in the loving company of his family and the compassionate hospital staff.

Richard was born on September 21, 1947, to Charles Marius Reali and Eva Elizabeth Reali (Corsi) in Cleveland, Ohio. During his childhood Richard lived in Independence, Ohio and moved to San Bernadino, California in high school. He enjoyed sports, especially baseball, playing outfield with a heck of an arm.

Richard moved East where he worked as a bar tender. He later met and married Tammy Paquette, with whom he shares a son, Reno Charles Reali. Together they opened Woodsville Video and Photo and shared many loving memories and laughs even after their divorce, staying close friends throughout his life. Richard later worked for many years at Tender Corporation where he moved from shipping and receiving to purchasing manager before retiring. In his later years Richard also worked at the Woodsville Walmart stocking shelves.

Richard had a love for music throughout his life,

playing the trumpet, enjoying concerts, and collecting records. He enjoyed a wide range of genres, gaining a love for modern music from his son and was always fond of rock and roll, blues, and jazz. In his final days he fondly recalled some of his favorites: The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, BB King, and Bonnie Raitt.

Richard left behind his anal-retentive organizing habits and stubborn will in his son, his love of music, a passion for vinyl shared with his daughter-in-law, and enough love to cover the world many times over.

Richard was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his sister, Corinne Schratz, cousin Freddy Corsi, his son and daughter in law, Reno Charles Reali and Margaret Reali (Moloney), a grandson, Gavin Richard Reali, whom his name was passed to, his former wife Tammy Reali (Paquette) and a stepson, Christopher Spear. He also left behind many extended family members and friends.

A private family gathering will be held in his memory this spring at the ocean. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care

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# LETTERS

(and even some real words)

## From The Editor

The Country Has Spoken!  
Are You Listening Democrats?

To the Editor,

First, I would like to complement Alex Foryan (Trendy Times. Feb. 25, 2025) for his expose on the achievements of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). As Mr. Foryan outlined in his letter to the editor, they are doing a masterful job exposing fraud, waste, corruption, and abuse, as I will mention later in my following LTTE.

The numbers tell the story. Let's start with this... 77,302,580 (Federal Election Commission): That's the number of patriot Americans that voted for Donald Trump last November. He topped Kamala Harris in the popular vote as well, that being only the second time since 1988 that any Republican has accomplished that. Seven is the number of all the swing states that Trump won. Three hundred twelve is the number of electoral votes that Trump won, garnering forty-two more electoral votes than were needed to win (270). The Republicans won the majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Voters across the country shifted red, with Trump making gains in almost all of the major demographic groups as well as in typically Democratic districts (CBS News). More than 89 percent of counties within the United States have shifted in Trump's favor, with all 50 states moving to the right

(New York Times). The Telegraph (Jan. 19, 2025) called it a Trump global political landslide.

When former President Biden left office his approval rating had slipped to a dismal 37% (American Research Group). Yet, the smug diehard liberals don't seem to understand how that could be, in spite of President Trump's popularity. Trump derangement syndrome (TDS) seems to be alive and well in the liberal/socialist segment of the population. They can't even seem to accept the fact that President Trump was given a clear mandate by the American public to institute his polices to downsize a bloated Federal bureaucracy, eliminate the weaponization of the Department of Justice while weeding out fraud, waste, corruption, and abuse by the entrenched deep state bureaucrats with their overreaching powers. And what is the Democrats' response to President Trump's efforts to streamline the ever-expanding bureaucracy? They take to the streets in angry protest, singing (off key by the way), shouting, cursing (Maxine Waters being a prime example), and making complete fools of themselves.

Sadly, we have VT Senators Welch and Sanders, along with Rep. Balint, acting like spoiled five-year olds touting their favorite slogan of constitutional crisis. They apparently have short memories as to what went

on in the Biden Administration with the weaponization of the DOJ going after their political opponents, and other efforts to skirt around the constitution (i.e. student forgiveness efforts.) Because of their demonstrated hatred for President Trump, they were willing to deprive the country of some highly qualified individuals. Can we really trust their judgement? None of them voted for the Laken Riley Act. This bill will detain people unlawfully in the United States if they are arrested for burglary or other more serious crimes, and would then most likely be deported. Laken Riley was brutally murdered by Jose Ibarra who entered the U.S. in 2022 from Venezuela and was subsequently released from detention. They should be required to explain to the parents of Laken Riley, Kate Steinle, Jeremy Poo Caceres (age 2), Jocelyn Nungaray and many others who have been murdered and raped as the result of the former Biden Administration's flawed immigration policies, why they did not vote for this act. Most recently they voted against the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. A recent New York Times/IPSOS poll showed that 79% of Americans DO NOT support transgender females participating in girls and women sports. I guess I must remind them that they work for us! We don't work for them! Many of these women and girls have trained for years to reach the pinnacle of their particular sport, only to be eclipsed by a biological male. Some have even been seriously injured in

unfair competition. Yet, despite the facts, our Congressional Representatives had the audacity to throw these women and girls under the proverbial bus. They should be ashamed of themselves. It's time for them to grow a backbone and stop being a lapdog of Senator Schumer or Rep. Jeffries. Good judgement and common sense should be a requisite for our representatives. It would behoove them to have a good conversation with former Democratic U.S. Congressman Harold Ford Jr. from Tennessee. Mr. Ford could instruct and guide them in exercising civility, common sense and decorum when performing their elected duties as our elected representatives from Vermont.

Fortunately, we are on the cusp of the most consequential four years in our history that will turn this country around from the disastrous polices of the Biden Administration. We will be on a new course from which even the liberals will be the recipients. It's time for the Congressional Democrats to fall in line, put their obstructionist policies behind them and work with the Trump Administration to weed out fraud, waste, corruption, and abuse of the entrenched federal bureaucracy. The "New Golden Age," as President Trump has termed it, will benefit us all. As the old adage goes, a rising tide floats all ships. Yes, the people have firmly spoken, and it's time to place this country on the proper path moving forward. Fortunately, we don't have to wait four years to witness the job that President Trump is doing. We are seeing it firsthand. Good old common sense is back.

Robert Briggaman  
North Concord, VT

"C'mon, man, where are your facts?"

To the Editor,

In a March 4th LTE to the Caledonian Record, Tim Egan of Sugar Hill presents a picture of Carrie Gendreau "...as bad for business..." but presents no proof to substantiate his maligning remarks. Egan, a college professor at Vermont State University, who specializes in media broadcast and web-based video content, surely must know how important "fact-checking" is to win an argument. Tim, c'mon, man... facts matter! Egan presents no fact-checking to denounce Gendreau as he continues to present his mischaracterization of "...Carrie Winn Gendreau as bad for business." In using her maiden name, is he further maligning the entire Winn lineage?

Carrie comes from an accomplished and locally well-known and service-oriented family.

Carrie Gendreau was born and brought up in Littleton. Her dad, Gerald Winn, served as Littleton's Town Moderator for 56 years and 25 years as the School Moderator. The entire family owns businesses in Littleton, and Carrie was raised to serve and give back to her community. She has already served as Selectman for 6 years.

Carrie knows that some of the responsibilities of a Selectman is to be a gatekeeper for the taxpayers, someone who encourages fiscal responsibility while encouraging economic growth and development for Littleton, and someone who insures that Littleton is a safe place for families to live, work, and play. Littleton is Grafton County's northern hub, and Carrie's duties influence a wider area.

Carrie influenced many residents through education and economics over the years. Carrie was active with the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce for numerous years. She taught the BETA program at WREN. Many of the microbusinesses that were

Robert,

*Thank you for offering up some factual statistics. I firmly believe in facts and numbers. Of course I also know that numbers can be viewed from different perspectives. There is no dispute that President Trump won the 2024 election. Whether or*

*not it was a landslide is a matter of opinion, which I certainly encourage you and everyone else to have. As I have said before, it is with the discussion of differing opinions that we move forward. That is the essence of our two party political system.*

*I am in sincre hope*

*that our country moves forward. But only time will tell, as only time will tell us what our history means. And even then it can be debated depending on your point of view.*

*Gary Scruton, Editor*



started from this course are still in existence today. Carrie taught communication courses at Granite State College for 21 years. She taught business courses at White Mountain Community college for many years. She owned Emma & Co for 12 years and was voted "Retailer of the Year" by the NH Retail Association. Carrie won the Littleton Art Show contest three times. Quite an accomplishing and impressive resume.

Carrie was instrumental in securing \$18 Million for revitalizing the new Tramway at Cannon Mountain, the first aerial ski tram in North America, first built in 1938. This is an economic driver for Littleton, the towns of the Greater Littleton Area, and the entire North Country. Think of the thousands upon thousands of visiting skiers, hikers, leaf-peepers, and families who have traveled into this area due to Cannon Mountain, the Number 1 financially-producing New Hampshire State Park, followed by Hampton Beach as Number 2. Carrie's voice and legislative input has kept it that way!

As part of a "team effort," Carrie Gendreau secured monies for greater border security at our

Northern Border with Canada thus, helping to keep illegal immigrants and dangerous and illegal drugs from entering our state and country. Thank you, Carrie! Our kids are safer, and our roads are safer thanks to your efforts.

Additionally, over \$1 Million was allocated for better communication for dispatch personnel through equipment upgrades at the border. Carrie played a vital role in this enhanced safety procurement for which we can all rest a little bit easier.

Carrie understands that Littleton continues to face difficult times and is prepared to work through the challenges in order to keep Littleton one of the best small towns in America!

Don't listen to slick tricksters who present issues without facts to back them up.

Littleton voters, it's worth your while to take the time, and vote for Carrie Gendreau as Littleton Selectman on Tuesday, March 11. The outcome of your vote affects all of us who live in the Greater Littleton Area and Northern Grafton County.

Nick De Mayo,  
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

*I hope that as many as possible take the time to vote on Town Meeting day, whatever day that may be in your home town. It is our voices that can make a difference in*

*the direction of our towns.*

*Let me also wish the best of luck to all the candidates, and offer a thank you to them for stepping up and being willing to serve.*

*Gary Scruton, Editor*



## First Step -

# Education Funding Proposal

By: Rick Ladd

Due to significantly reduced revenue projections for the upcoming biennium (FY26 and FY27), the House Education Funding committee has recommended that the current funding formula, containing a statutory 2% annual adjustment increase, shall be implemented for FY26.

However, the projected budget for FY27 does reflect several significant changes that part from the current education funding formula. Base cost per pupil will increase from \$4,266 to \$4,361. This is a budget increase of \$12.8M. This proposal also identifies the components and costs that comprise the base amount: teacher, principal, administrative assistant, guidance counselor, library/media specialist, technology coordinator, custodian, instructional materials, technology, teacher professional development, facilities operations and maintenance, and transportation. Differentiated aid has also been changed to more accurately recognize costs associated with each of the 13 different IEP categories. For example, the projected case load for an instructor working with visually impaired pupils may be 1 professional to 5 pupils while an instructor working with pupils having an orthopedic disability may be 1 professional to 10 pupils. The

statewide amount for special education differentiated aid is estimated to increase by \$28.1M.

Fiscal capacity disparity aid, an additional targeted aid program designed to address municipal income level and property valuation, will be re-established in FY 27 with an equalize valuation maximum grant amount of \$1,250 per pupil. This aid will impact 40 communities for a total increase of \$13.4M of which Haverhill is a targeted district. The extraordinary needs grant is set at \$178.6M.

The bill makes no change to the FY25 hold harmless element that specifies a 20% reduction each biennium moving forward. The amount of hold harmless for FY27 is reduced to \$47.2M. In addition to the above changes in HB563, another bill, HB 739, requires municipalities to remit any excess statewide education property tax (SWEPT) to the state for deposit to the education trust fund. It does that by restoring into law several brief provisions that were repealed in 2011. An "excess" SWEPT payment is due when the municipality has collected more in SWEPT than it is due for its annual share of state adequacy aid. For FY27, excess SWEPT remitted to the Education Trust Fund will approximate \$28.6M.

The total estimated education adequacy grant + SWEPT for FY27 = \$1,110,341,854. Based upon the estimated statewide daily membership (ADM), the average per pupil allocation for the \$1.11B is \$7,392.

As projected by Ways and Means, revenues to the General and Education Trust Funds for the next biennium fall short when compared to the Official Estimate for FY25. This revenue shortfall will impact all areas of state government.

FY25	Official Estimate
	\$3,165,000,000
FY26	Committee Estimate
	\$2,909,600,000
FY27	Committee Estimate
	\$2,960,500,000

The budget development process has just begun. Following the Education Funding Committee, proposed funding bills will be sent to: the House floor for action, to House Finance, back to the House floor for further action in HB1 and HB2, and then to the Senate, and later the Governor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep Rick Ladd, Grafton 5  
Chair, House Funding Committee



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# Zucchini Bread

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay but I have what is called Plan-tar Fasciitis on the bottom of my right heel which is a calcium deposit. I have never heard of it but everyone I talked to about it either had it or knew someone that had it. It's very painful and can last 8+ weeks. I have stretching exercises that help so I am tolerating it as best as I can.

My wonderful son Nick and my beautiful grandchildren Angelo, Abigail and Arlo came up from Rhode Island to visit. We went to North Conway scenic railroad and enjoyed a 2 hour train ride. We all thought it was pretty cool. I bought the kids souvenirs and everyone was happy. Then it started to rain and we had to rush to the car. We headed home because my neighbor Kevin was going to take the kids on his 4 wheeler but the rain didn't stop and there was thunder and lightning. Unfortunately the 4 wheeler ride wasn't happening but

Kevin visited and he brought the kids each a gift bag so everyone was happy and said next time we'll try it again. The next day was cloudy but we went to the Basin at Franconia Notch and walked threw and took many pictures. Again it started to rain so we went to a giant arcade called Fun Spot. The kids had a blast and we were out of the rain. It said it was the biggest arcade in the world. 3 levels of pinball machines of all kinds plus mini golf and bowling. If you've never been it's a nice place to bring your family.

Okay let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. It's a great way to use one of summer's favorite vegetables.

Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cups of all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup brown sugar light or dark
- 1/2 cup granulated

sugar

- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup applesauce
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups grated zucchini
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup raisins

When picking your zucchini use a small to medium size they are more tender. Large ones tend to have thicker skin and seeds inside. You can use a box grater or a food processor to grate the zucchini. I used my box grater and it was easy.

Gather all your ingredients then preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x5 loaf pan. In large bowl whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice until well combined. In a second medium bowl beat with electric mixer oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs, applesauce and vanilla extract until well mixed. Add your grated zucchini and mix. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk gently just until combined,

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don't over mix. Fold in nuts and raisins. Spread into prepared loaf pan and shake a bit so it's even.

Bake for 55-70 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 1 hour then remove and let it finish cooling on wire rack. Slice when cool.

Guess what! You are done and have made a "Delicioso" zucchini bread, and it's so easy peasy!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try because your family will love it and you will be a star. Enjoy and Bon Appetit. Stay safe and healthy my friends and until next time I am signing off.

Sincerely, Cin Pin

This is a repeat from last year hope to get more recipes soon.