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Vermont Mask Survey Shares Evidence of Health Risks

STATEWIDE, VERMONT – The Vermont Mask Survey has been gathering information about the negative health effects Vermonters are experiencing as a result of wearing masks. The initial findings of the survey, which began in July, are available in a newly released report.

The report explains that, while the negative health effects of wearing masks by health care workers have been well-documented, research on the effects of mandating masks among the general public has only just begun. The Vermont Mask Survey's stated purpose "is to begin compiling evidence in order to better evaluate the potential health hazards Vermonters are risking as a result of universal mask recommendations."

The Vermont Mask Survey asked respondents to report on how often they experience these difficulties: headaches, difficulty breathing, skin irritation, difficulty communicating, physical discomfort, mental/emotional discomfort, and difficulty cleaning your hands

every time you touch your mask.

Data gathered from this survey demonstrates that a number of Vermonters across the state are suffering multiple health difficulties as a result of wearing masks. For example, the survey discovered that respondents who experience difficulties "every time" are also experiencing three or more of them at a time. Several survey respondents reported they are not accessing essential services in their communities because they cannot wear a mask.

One respondent reported that she is pregnant, and she finds her oxygen levels drop when she wears a mask. This impact has been confirmed by research cited in the report, and is one example given for the need for further study and public awareness.

Research cited in the report also shows that wearing masks for long hours are more likely

to cause more complications, and this was confirmed by the survey results. 66% of survey respondents who experience difficulties "every time" also reported they are required to wear a mask at work. Over half of those wearing them for work wear a mask 5 or more days a week, and between 5 and 8+ hours each day.

The survey raises a number of questions, such as: What percentage of the population is suffering to the same degree as the survey respondents? Are some segments of the population suffering disproportionately, such as children, elderly, or the working-class? How much do these negative impacts undermine the community's overall resistance to disease?

"All of the negative health impacts Vermonters reported in the survey are well documented in the research, and there has been concern about the use of masks in the health

care fields for a long time."

The study's author, Amy Hornblas, whose experience in the fields of disease-prevention and public education dates back to the early days of the AIDS epidemic in the 1990's, continues: "Most of the studies on the subject of mask use have looked at the health impacts on medical professionals working in clinical settings, but there are many differences between those situations and their use in the general public. Medical professionals are able-bodied adults, who are trained in proper hygiene and mask use, and work in sterile environments."

What does the author hope to accomplish with this survey? "People seem to be unaware of the suffering that is going on all around them. People with pre-existing conditions, like breathing problems and PTSD, the working-class... I hope this



survey can help us reduce the stigma around discussing this critical issue so that we can better assess the impacts."

The report points out that while the true extent of the health dangers Vermonters are facing by wearing masks is unknown, the results confirm that that caution around their use is warranted, and more research needs to be done to assess their safety. Survey responses will continue to be collected through the winter.

The full report is available on the website: vtmasksurvey.com

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Dining Out During A Pandemic

by Gary Scruton

The box to the upper right of this column kind of says it all. Small, or even large, locally owned eateries are having a tough time during the current world wide pandemic. Like so many other businesses they have lost a certain number of customers. There is no doubt that many folks are simply not going out to eat. It's not that they are going out less often, which would diminish the income of these eateries, but they are not going out at all. This is not to take anything at all away from those folks that have made that decision. Every one of us must make our own choices about our own health, and the risks we are willing to take with that health. Of course we must also be aware and take into consideration the health of others. Not only those we share a home with, but those we may come into contact with during our weekly routines.

Both in Vermont and New Hampshire the governors have made certain recommendations as well as certain requirements. Please note that there is a difference

here. A requirement means, as it says, that you are required to act in a certain way. A recommendation is simply a suggestion on how you should act. It is then a personal decision.

I realize that all this seems like a lot to take in. And some people will take these comments to mean one thing, while others will take them to mean something else entirely. That is up to you. I am only offering my thoughts. You, as individuals, must make the final call.

I am also not going to attempt to list any recommendations or requirements for either state here. Those change sometimes on a daily basis. Also each business must make their own decision on how to handle those requirements and recommendations. This also means that things change from one business to the next. Again, this is not to say that one is better than the other, but simply that ownership has made a different choice.

Getting back to the local eateries that advertise here in the Trendy Dining Guide, they seem to have been able to weather the storm to this

point and have found a way to continue to do business. Some have been able to do so with very little adjustment, while others have needed to really rethink how they operate and make some major changes. One thing is for sure, the quality of the food has not suffered.

Though Janice and I did not get the chance to "go out" during the past two weeks to one of our Trendy Dining Guide advertisers, it is not that we have entirely given up on "dining out". Indeed we have a number of phone numbers that we use for take out. Of course take out has it's own set of rules. To me those rules include adding a tip to the total for your food. That can be done when using your credit card, or just add some cash to the transaction. After all you are

still paying for a service that, if done well, should be rewarded.

Like what I believe to be a majority of people, I am looking forward to the end of this part of our history. It will be great when masks are no longer required or even recommended. It will be even better when we can shake someone's hand, or even give them a hug, without first thinking about who they are and where they have been. It will be great to have relatives come visit from other areas, again without worrying about what the rate of infection is in their area. But none of us

know when that time will come. In the meantime we all must still take in nourishment. And eating food prepared by some of these fine eateries is always a treat. So we need to do our part to make sure these establishments continue to function, and perhaps even to thrive during this time. So please think about what you do, how you do it, and where you do it. All the time remembering to support your local businesses including eateries. Your contribution to their bottom line could just be the small bit more they need to make it to another day.

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Constituent Initiated Legislation

Have you ever wondered why the new car that you just drove home from the dealership, requires an inspection sticker? I've had many constituent inquiries asking this very question. Does the inspection sticker on a 'brand new' car, really serve a valid purpose? Is there a reasonable safety issue that the inspection sticker solves for the new car that's straight off the lot? Or, is the required inspection sticker a result of a successful lobbying effort on the part of auto shops? These are all very valid questions.

Aside from receiving the above remarks repeated from various folks time and

time again, perhaps it is time to determine what other states are doing in regard to requiring inspections for new vehicles. The American Auto Mobil Association web site shows that 16 states do not require vehicle emissions inspections: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming.

In addition to normal safety checks, New Hampshire's inspection process involves an on-board diagnostics system to make sure vehicles meet the Fed-

eral EPA OBD II emission standards. The on-board diagnostic system is designed to ensure the system is working properly and to detect system problems. Vehicles must be checked annually. The cost of a vehicle inspection sticker is \$3.50. A small amount of the sticker cost is directed to the state's vehicle emissions clear air fund. The inspection station determines the difference between the cost of the sticker and that which the consumer actually pays the local shop. Some may charge \$40 while others may charge \$65 or more.

Beyond states that do not require emission inspections, there are a few other states that provide new vehicle exceptions. In Rhode Island, emissions inspections are not required for: "new motor vehicles until 24 months after date of purchase or 24,000 miles." R.I.'s emissions inspections are required biennially.

Rhode Island's new vehicle exception appears to parallel the thinking of many constituents who have made contact with me regarding NH's requirement that all "new" vehicles must be inspected. When an individual purchases a new vehicle, it should be assumed that everything about the vehicle is new and functioning and previously determined so by the manufacturer. It must be a very rare situation that a brand new car fails an emission test. On the surface, new car inspection checks appear a costly, unnecessary state requirement.

In support this constituent request that is supported by others within the community, I will introduce legislation after November 4 that duplicate Rhode Island's exception for "new" vehicles into NH's statutory law.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep Rick Ladd, Haverhill

A Rep's Repartee
by NH State Representative
Jerry Stringham

Concord in Full Swing

Commissions Still Meeting While Voting Begins

I want to thank the voters of Lincoln, Woodstock and Waterville Valley that sent me to Concord in 2018 as Representative. I have honored your vote by having a 100% role call voting record on the house floor, delivering 11 successful floor speeches, developing a reputation for bipartisanship and as an expert on tax policy as well as the implications to NH's businesses. I was the only member of the house or senate that was prime sponsor (author) of two bills that were signed into law in 2020. I am particularly proud of House Bill 1135, which honored our native son and fallen soldier Marc P. Decoteau by naming Rt 49 into Waterville in his honor.

Now that I have had two successful years in Concord, I have developed my priorities for a second term.

They are: Protect the granite state's natural resources and preserve our way of life.

Protect and enhance options for our seniors

Support safe and quality public education for our children

Enhance our ski-based economy

Support and honor our veterans

Reduce reliance on local property taxes to fund our government and schools

As most of you know, there are 400 representatives that vote on the floor on every bill introduced. Reps also serve on a committee which does a deep dive on bills assigned to us. The Ways and Means committee handle revenue bills that include taxes, fees, and licenses, which often involve broad ranging policy. I expect gambling, nicotine and

THC issues to come to our committee next term. We were able to send an additional \$130 million to cities and towns this term, reducing the need for cities to raise property taxes.

As Representative, I also served on the Executive Committee of Grafton County, as Clerk (Secretary). The county is authorized to raise funds through county wide property taxes. We were able to reduce the county property tax this year for which I am proud, especially during Covid. There is considerable work to do at the County as well as there are systemic issues.

I will be a key representative to see that constitutionally supportable school funding formulas that account for the interests of the North Country are developed. I have unique experience to make sure these are accomplished in a way that protects the interests of property rich towns and provide a better framework for sensible growth.

In the meantime, I continue to work on the Senate/House joint committee studying the safety of our Long-Term Care facilities. We will be submitting a final report with legislative recommendations by the first of November.

Thank you again, for sending me to Concord for what has been a rewarding experience. I ask for your vote to send me to Concord again this year.

Jerry Stringham represents Lincoln, Woodstock, and Waterville Valley in Concord, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee. If you need to reach Representative Stringham, email jerry@jerrystringham.com.

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Superintendent Melanson Shares School Funding Thoughts with Candidate Rajsteter

by Ed Rajsteter
Woodsville, NH

On September 24th, I met with Laurie Melanson, Superintendent of SAU 23; the district is responsible for schools in Bath, Haverhill, Piermont, and Warren. Our meeting was for me to gain a better understanding of the State School Funding Formula; specifically it's been said "The state's current system is inequitable from both student and taxpayer perspectives. The districts serving the highest proportion of students who are economically disadvantaged spend less, on average, compared with districts serving the fewest such students. Moreover, the districts with least property wealth per student impose the highest local education tax rates to be able to fund their children's education".

One of the most challenging efforts was to adapt to COVID-19 and how to structure school facilities within the framework of student and teacher safety during these trying times.

During our conversation, Superintendent Melanson indicated that prior to the expansion and renovation of the Woodsville high school, a study by a third party consultant indicated that the student population would remain flat for the next several years, that is one of the reasons why the school board moved forward with the project; receiving \$3,277,940 in state building

aid, which helped to offset costs to the project. Superintendent Melanson mentioned that this was the first time in years that the State Funding Formula was increased and she added that the increase was a step in the right direction. For the years 2020/21, the district received \$706,298 from the State Funding Formula; these funds will be used to reduce the tax debt for Haverhill residents. One of my positions for running for State Representative in Grafton County District 15 is to "Ensure that local schools continue to receive their fair share of state school aid".

Rick Ladd, State Representative Grafton County District 4 has been a strong supporter and advocate of increasing state school aid; if elected; I will work with individuals like Rick to ensure that our schools will continue to receive their fair share of state school aid.

Currently, four school districts, (Contoocook Valley, Mascenic, Winchester and Monadnock are suing the state (Governor and School Commissioner) for under funding the state school aid formula. The State Legislature created a Commission (NHSFFP - New Hampshire School Funding Fairness

Project) to study the issue; and with that in mind, I attended and participated in a forum that was sponsored by NHSFFP, also in attendance were concerned citizens and aspiring policymakers from Carroll, Coos and Grafton County; this includes candidates for the NH House, Senate, and Executive Council.

The Commission has been charged with developing recommendations for reforming the state's existing school funding system in ways that would

- assure quality education for all New Hampshire public school students
- improve taxpayer equity for paying for public education in New Hampshire
- meet the constitutional requirements for the state's role in ensuring that all students have access to an adequate education, regardless of where a student lives or attends school.

The Commission will continue to hold these forums throughout the year and it is my intent that if elected, I will place school funding as a primary goal of mine and request to be a member of the Education Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ELECTION DAY 1:00 PM
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DEADLINE FOR LISBON SENIOR MEAL
See Article on Page 8

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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11:00 AM
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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING
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NGCRC To Meet November 10

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30 P.M. at the Littleton VFW, 600 Cottage Street/Old Franconia Road, Littleton. Facial Masks and Social Distancing will be observed. New Members Welcome. Make New Hampshire RED Again! For information contact janicenovak@myfairpoint.net or call 603-823-5011.

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Letter to the Editor: Response from Binford

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is in response to a recent LTTE written by Rachel Booth, former Democrat Candidate for Grafton District 15 (2016), her letter was nothing more than half truths and out of context hot air.

Booth stated I voted against marijuana legislation, not entirely true. I voted for Therapeutic Cannabis for PTSD and Chronic Pain (HB157 & 160). I did vote against recreational, at this time, due to the many issues between Federal and State Laws, as well as the State not having a plan in place when it comes to citizens that have already been charged for possession, legal limits, and a viable test for conducting field sobriety.

I voted against the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative because New Hampshire is getting screwed worse than the US has during NAFTA and other trade agreements. The RGGI hurts New Hampshire consumers by locking them into ever increasing energy costs. We in New Hampshire need to deregulate our markets, open up for true competition, give consumers a choice whom they purchase their power from, those that choose renewable energy can purchase power from companies that specialize in that. Those that need to take a more eco-

economic approach and purchase power from sources that have a reduced cost may do so.

I voted against the anti-conversion bill because it would have outlawed any type of therapy should an individual change their mind and wish to have something as simple as counseling, as well as interfere with the parent-child relationship process. Our State and Federal Constitutions are clear, We ALL have inalienable rights, those rights are recognized in the Bill of Rights.

What your gender, sexual orientation, race, religion are makes no difference and they are protected by the Bill of Rights, we do not need more "special legislation" to Response to character than missing a day due to work obligations. I WILL NEVER take a walk on a bill if I am at the State House to vote.

I will be working this winter, that said I am not taking a position that requires my every waking breath to be at, and my employer is already aware that I will need Tue, Wed, Thurs of each week off, dependent upon the House schedule.

As for the topic brought up regarding my performing security at a local school's playoff basketball game back in 2017... First, what does the opposing team's ethnicity or race have to do with anything? I did not offer,

I was asked to help provide security, based upon my training and background. I did not wear fatigues, I wore a black polo, khakis, vest, with my ball cap and holstered pistol. The articles are still available with photos at the Valley News website (vnews.com)... I have seen these pics many times, and have yet to see any pictures of individuals afraid of my presence while providing security. Furthermore, if anything had taken place (which I am glad nothing did) I would have gladly placed myself between any danger and the men, women and children that were present that evening. I stand behind being available to serve the community in the capacity which was asked of me.

Here are just a few key votes I supported to bring help to schools HB525, stabilization grants for education (passed) and SB193 establishing education freedom savings accounts for students (did not pass). I also voted in favor of HB1418, transparency and cost controls of pharmaceutical drug prices (signed into law). Each of these are part of Mr. Rajsteter's campaign platform.

David W Binford
Vice Chairman
Azimuth Check Foundation
~Candidate for New Hampshire House of Representative - Grafton District 15~

New Mental Health Clinic Opens in Littleton

Julianne Bailey, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, is opening a private practice at 74 Cottage Street #7 in Littleton. She'll be finishing up the end of October at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services where she's been a behavioral health provider at the Littleton and Woodville offices for the past

six years.

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Black Lives Matter

by Elinor Mawson

I was brought up in a small town with no near neighbors. I'd been double promoted in school and had few friends. When I was 14, I "went away" to school. This meant I lived in a dorm with other girls and adults, worked and studied with the boys from the dorm across the street and we all ate in the same dining room.

To say I was naive would be an understatement. I needed to learn so much in so many ways. Getting along with everybody was one thing; figuring out who I was -- what a learning curve!

In the boys' dorm were 3 African Americans. I had never seen even one, it being in the fifties and me never having been anywhere other than another small town. I was mollified.

Danny came from Massachusetts. His father was in the waste disposal business and owned a fleet of trucks. Danny had been a behavior problem during his teen years and his father sent him away to school in hopes he would learn how to get along and make something of himself. Danny was an athlete and became president of his class.

Kenny came from Wash-

ington DC. His father was a doorman at the White House, and his mother worked in a school. Kenny was a flashy dresser, and I hardly remember him wearing the same outfit twice. He had peg pants, roll collar shirts and suede shoes. He was also an athlete, and a great singer. A lot of the other boys tried to emulate his dressing style.

Harold came from Harlem in New York City. Everyone called him Rhubarb! He was on a work scholarship, and was a long distance runner. Out of the three, he was the one who fit in best with the rest of us because he wasn't a fancy dresser. He also had to work hard to be at the school.

All the boys were popular both in and out of school. They mixed in with both the dorm students and the "townies". What impressed me the most about them was that they really weren't much different than the rest of us. The biggest difference was that they came from far away cities where the lifestyle differed from ours.

We lived and worked together for the three years I was at the school. When we graduated we went our separate ways and I often won-

dered what happened to them. Later in life, we saw Danny at alumni events. He had become a highly thought of vice principal at a school in Massachusetts, was married and had several successful kids.

Rhubarb discovered his biological father when he was in his 20's, and changed his surname. He appeared at an alumni event, carrying a battered suitcase containing all his high school memorabilia. He told us of his family, three of his kids had gotten involved in the drug culture and had succumbed. He looked like someone who had lived a tough life, but still had fond memories of his years at our school.

We never saw or heard from Kenny again.

These days when the Black Lives Matter crusade is in the news, I think of our three friends from our days at school., and how we got to know them. I think of their connection to us, and their friendship. I like to think of all the other black Americans near and far that have friends and families who they care for and who care for them. And I like to think that all Black Lives Matter.

Looking Back, Looking Ahead 7

by Sen. Bob Giuda
(R-Warren)

When COVID-19 struck New Hampshire, Governor Sununu quickly set up the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force (GERTF) working with businesses and industries to develop reopening guidelines; and the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GO-FERR) to advise him on delivering desperately needed CARES Act funds to our families, communities, and businesses.

I volunteered for GERTF because I knew the closed economy would financially devastate our families, and state revenues would plummet, with serious consequences. We spent hundreds of hours taking testimony from businesses to develop reopening guidelines for every type of business in the state. We pored over COVID-19 statistics from the CDC, OSHA, state Public Health professionals, the Department of Employment Security, and the De-

partment of Revenue Administration. For months, we met via conference call 5 days a week, taking input and delivering proposed guidelines to the state's Public Health team and the Governor for final approval. We spent our summer balancing the safety of our citizens with the need to rebuild our economy. We continue to conference weekly, analyzing and amending guidelines as necessary.

The impact of COVID-19 on adults, children, families, teachers, students, first responders, local, county and state government workers, the elderly has changed our lives for the time being. I've had the privilege of seeing the best of our citizens and state government as we fight this virus. No matter our successes, every one of us is deeply affected by every life claimed by this pandemic. We remain driven to defeat COVID-19 and get back to our normal way of life.

Working together, we will win.

Not all Times are Trendy, but there will always be Trendy Times

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Caledonia Food Co-Op Receives Phase II Grant

St. Johnsbury, VT – The Caledonia Food Co-op Board is delighted to announce that they have received a USDA Rural Development Grant for \$50,300 (total project cost \$68,080) through the Town of St. Johnsbury as fiscal agent. This brings the project into Phase II of Co-op development and provides the funding to proceed with critical next steps: finding a site and Founding Member recruitment.

"We are evaluating new construction as well as existing buildings in St. Johnsbury and will ultimately choose what is best suited to the Co-op's needs and budget," said Co-op Board Chair Eric Skovsted.

The funds allow the Co-op to hire professionals that bring expertise in marketing, financial analysis, real estate, grants, loans, and future funding identification. They will also work with Col-uminate, a national food co-op consulting firm that will give the Board training in governance and project oversight.

This Phase II grant builds

on the \$22,040 USDA grant awarded in 2019 (total project cost \$29,900), which focused on feasibility research, a pro forma financial forecast, and membership recruitment.

Rick Witt, Board member and lead on the Co-op's financial research, said "The Phase I market study showed that the St. Johnsbury area can support a food co-op and made recommendations about the essential store characteristics required to achieve optimum sales. The pro forma got us off to a great start with our financial modeling and analysis."

The investment of Founding Members is linked to a successful Co-op. In the case of this grant, every \$100 Founding Membership leverages more than \$800 in additional funding and in-kind services. The more Founding Members recruited, the more equity is available to leverage this and other future financing.

Strong community support demonstrates to potential financial partners that the area supports this project. "Even if the numbers work

out great on paper, we cannot open without the support of Founding Members. We are up to 261 Founding Members, our goal is to increase that number to 800 in the coming year," said Skovsted.

A Founding Membership or equity stake in the Caledonia Food Co-op is \$100. Membership applies to the entire household and ensures one vote at the annual meeting to elect Co-op Board members.

"I want to thank all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to bring us to this point. The Town of St. Johnsbury has been a fantastic partner throughout this process, and we are excited to feel the momentum building," said Skovsted. "The process of starting a co-op takes 3-4 years with a lot of heavy lifting by our volunteer Board and Advisory members. We are now at the phase where our team and professional partners can 'hit the road running' to locate a site, build up the number of Founding Members, and realize success." For information, visit www.caledoniafood.coop.

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Letter to the Editor Trump No Laughing Matter

To The Editor,

Among the qualities that one-term President Trump lacks - honesty, integrity, principles, intelligence, knowledge, confidence and loyalty - right at the top of that list is a sense of humor.

Ever seen him laugh? No. I don't trust a person who can't laugh, especially at themselves. Laughing at yourself, human self-knowledge with a grin, honestly displayed, is a sign of someone comfortable with themselves, upfront about being less than perfect. It indicates someone with a good heart and spirit, someone willing to learn, and to teach. No teaching, no learning with Trump. No good heart.

His idea of a joke is a crass comment, an illiterate insult, a casual act of cruelty - making fun of a person's perceived weaknesses, ever a clue to how he himself is weak.

He does not act like a little spoiled brat - he is a little spoiled brat. He happens also to be a sad old man in his seventies.

Trump is laughable, but he has never once said anything wry, witty or even faintly amusing. Not ever.

Watch him attempt any kind of a fake smile, it's because he is smirking or sneering at someone, calling them names, trying to bring them low to make his small-spirited self feel bigger. This is behavior directly out of the "How to be a bully" handbook, a manual Trump utilizes daily and expands rudely. Lots of us have been critical of Trump and we'll keep it up as long as his greed-filled incompetence adversely affects our American democracy. And it's always illuminating to find folks who express their views with more clarity and wit than I do.

"Trump is a troll. And like all trolls, he is never funny and he never laughs; he only crows or jeers. And scarily, he doesn't just talk in crude witless insults - he actually thinks in them. His mind is a simple bot-like algorithm of petty prejudices and knee-jerk nastiness" - Nat White, a writer from England.

White goes on - "Trump lacks certain qualities ... he has no class, no charm, no coolness, no credibility, no compassion, no wit, no warmth, no wisdom, no subtlety, no sensitivity, no self-awareness, no humility, no honor and no grace. These are all qualities, funnily enough, with which his predecessor Mr. Obama was generously blessed."

New York Times Columnist Bret Stephens in 2018 observed - "In public, Trump has almost no humor, even when the moment calls for it. When Trump makes jokes, they tend to be flattering to his self-image - or they are cruel - and not necessarily meant as jokes." Trump said to an audience of police officers, "Like when you guys put somebody in the car and you're protecting their head, you know, the way you put their hand over? You can take that hand away."

Stephens adds, "Humor humanizes. It uncorks, unstuffs, informalizes, Used well, it puts people at ease. Trump's method is just the opposite - he wants people ill-at-ease. Doing so preserves his capacity to wound, his sense of superiority, his distance. Good jokes highlight the ridiculous. Trump's jokes merely ridicule. They are caustics, not emollients."

And this ain't no joke.

Robert Roudebush
North Haverhill, NH

Letter to the Editor: Promises Made, Promises Kept Trump's Accomplishments

To the Editor,

In full disclosure: I'm a lifelong Republican and for over 50 plus years I have voted for good Republicans who I believe will serve our hard-working men and women of N.H. better than the progressive liberal Democrats by building on the values of low taxes and limited government.

I was asked to meet with Candidate Donald Trump on Dec. 15, 2015 at a rally in Waterville Valley, as he wanted to sign my "Presidential Pledge," which he did.

Some of my friends asked me how I could vote for Donald Trump and my answer was always the same; I believed what he promised the voters, if elected, he would deliver on; particularly his promise to put forth names of Conservative Constitutionalist nominees to the US Supreme Court.

We now know he kept his promise by nominating two excellent candidates, Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh and as I write this, President Trump has put forth another excellent choice in Amy Coney Barrett to fill the third open position on the Supreme Court during his term.

As we know in Presidential Primaries and General Elections, candidates make many promises to all voters, but over my lifetime most elected Presidents, once in office, very seldom follow through with all their promises.

But President Trump was different, he was a Businessman not a Politician, and once he was sworn in on Jan. 20, 2017, he went to work to fulfill what he promised to the American people by "Making America Great

Again" and he has delivered on his promises. A few are listed below.

1. By cutting taxes and regulations on businesses (big and small), he created the most prosperous economy in our lifetime.

2. With record growth in our economy, he created millions of good paying jobs with record low unemployment, the lowest in the past 50 years, just before we were hit by the COVID-19. African Americans and Hispanics saw some of the lowest unemployment numbers in our lifetimes.

3. Many past Presidents only gave lip service to our illegal immigration problems, but President Trump got serious and did just what he promised to do, stopping illegal immigration. He is building a wall on our southern border to protect our citizens and enforce our immigration laws.

4. President Trump promised to rebuild our Military, wipe out ISIS, reduce and bring home our soldiers, and increased benefits and wages for our soldiers, while improving the VA hospitals for our Veterans.

5. On Energy, President Trump promised to become energy independent. Today, we are energy independent and everyone sees that benefit when they fill up their vehicle, which is less than half the price per gallon then under the Obama/Biden Administration. Today, I filled up for \$1.95 per gallon. Yet Biden and Harris want to shut down fossil fuels and fracking, which will drive gas and home heating prices through the roof.

6. Trump was our "Law and Order" President from day one, he has the backs of our men and women in blue. Because of his nearly

100% support, he has received the majority of all police and sheriffs support; Joe Biden has virtually no support from Law Enforcement. Remember, not once did Joe Biden speak out on the last 3 to 4 months of riots, looting and burning down small business; this is shameful and that's why Biden has no support from Law Enforcement.

7. President Trump's excellent picks for Supreme Court Justices will protect your 1st and 2nd Amendment rights.

There are many other "Promises Made; Promises Kept" that have a positive impact on our hard-working men and women that President Trump has made and delivered on. Thank you President Trump.

As I said I'm a lifelong Republican and I will cast my vote on November 3rd for President Donald Trump, Governor Chris Sununu and every other Republican on my ballot and I encourage every other true Republican to vote straight Republican and I would invite our Independent voters to join me and even encourage Democrats who have real concerns of the direction Biden/Harris and the extreme base of the Democrat Party is headed to do the same.

Your vote on November 3rd will be the most important vote of your life; if you want to enjoy a roaring economy and prosperity for all, VOTE for President Donald Trump; if you want higher taxes and a fast track to Socialism, vote for Joe Biden.

Tom Thomson
Tree Farmer
Orford, NH

Lisbon Lions To Host 23rd Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner

The Lisbon Lions Club is once again showing their appreciation to local senior citizens by sponsoring the 23rd Annual Senior Holiday Dinner, free for all senior citizens living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, on Saturday, November 7th. The dinner menu will include roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie.

Due to Coronavirus con-

cerns, this year's dinners will be offered as home deliveries only. When you call to order, please provide a location where we may leave your meal outside to avoid close contact. Meals will be delivered as close to noon as possible.

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Spend the weekend, or check things off slowly on the seven-part scavenger hunt. You'll have through the end of October to get your entry in (one entry per per-



WHS National Honor Society Bat Houses Update

A couple years ago four bat houses were made by previous Woodsville High School NHS members. Two of these bat houses went to local homes in the area. As far as the other two, NHS members from the class of 2021 recently put them up, with the help of Mr. Scott Edwards, at the Bedell Bridge in Haverhill on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

Image: A few of the NHS members and the bat house.

From left at the top are Nye Adamkowski and Emily Prest and below from the left Olivia Sarkis and Annabelle Townsend.

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Vermont Becomes the 12th State in the Country to Ban the Sale of Imperiled Wildlife Parts

Stowe, VT – Governor Phil Scott signed H.99 into law on October 8, 2020, making Vermont the 12th state in the nation (plus DC) to ban the trade in imperiled wildlife parts within its state borders. Other states that have enacted similar legislation include neighboring states of New York and New Hampshire, as well as New Jersey, California, Washington, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada, Illinois, Minnesota, and New Mexico. People are allowed to keep their ivory, pass it down, or give it away – they just cannot sell it. There are exemptions, including parts that are integrated into a firearm, knife or musical instrument. The

law goes into effect January 1, 2022.

This effort was the vision of VermontforWildlife's co-founder and elephant activist Ashley Prout McAvey. Protect Our Wildlife has worked alongside Ms. McAvey and made this effort a focus of their work since they first started their all-volunteer non profit in February 2015. "One of our first trips to the Statehouse was to testify alongside Ashley and the Humane Society of the United State in support of a ban on ivory sales," said Brenna Galdenzi, Protect Our Wildlife, Co-Founder and President. "This legislation is vitally important because any sale of

ivory, whether new or old, fuels demand. As long as we, right here in Vermont, place a monetary value on endangered animal parts, it fuels wildlife trafficking and poaching."

The law will stop the intrastate trade (trade within the state of Vermont) of imperiled wildlife parts from 15 of the world's most at-risk species including elephants, rhinos, cheetah, giraffe, hippopotamus, jaguar, leopard, lion, pangolin, ray, sea turtle, shark, tiger, primates, and whale (and mammoth and mastodon given the vast amount of elephant ivory that is poached and then called mammoth and mastodon).



RSA/Rule: RSA 485-F

In accordance with its "2020 Award Plan", the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission "Commission" requires that the funding applications for the Construction Projects Assistance Programs include submittal of an Authority to Submit a Funding Application to meet the threshold for project readiness.

Applications submitted without this attachment will be considered ineligible and will not be reviewed.

The purpose of this form is to certify that the person submitting a Funding Application to the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Advisory Commission for financial assistance from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund for drinking water construction projects is authorized to do so by the governing body of the water system seeking funding. This form is not required if the funding application is submitted directly by the governing body of the water system.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Commission's "2020 Award Plan":

- This Certificate shall be completed and signed by a member of the governing body (i.e., Commission, Board) other than the person being authorized;
- The authorization to execute any documents necessary to complete the funding application is restricted to a member of the governing body or employee of the water system Owner; and
- Meeting minutes shall accompany this certificate.

Authority to Submit Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Funding Application

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The South Main Water Dist. Of Warren N.H._____, (WATER SYSTEM/TOWN) further authorized ___Horizons_____, (NAME/TITLE) to execute any documents which may be necessary to complete the funding application.

Signature ___Vincent Mastroianni_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as ___commissioner_____, (TITLE) of ___South Main Water Dist._____, of Warren n.h._____, (WATER SYSTEM NAME/TOWN) the ___25th____ day of ___August____ 20_20__.

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Before joining Little Rivers Health Care as a Family Nurse Practitioner, I served at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for 9 years in critical care units, surgical/trauma/neuro ICU. My FNP clinical hours were completed at Upper Valley Pediatrics, Newbury Health Center, Little Rivers Health Care, and Kendal at Hanover. I travelled to four countries to provide free health care clinics in Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, and Costa Rica. I am a Reiki Master and Teacher and love music, kayaking, traveling, meditating, and my Chihuahua named "Pickles"."



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Once again readers will note that the Letters to the Editor in this edition of Trendy Times are not answered as they normally are. As was the case in our last issue, the reason is that there are so many letters and that space has become a concern.

Obviously every extra four pages of print costs more. We have increased the size of this edition by 50% over our normal size in order to fit all of the ads as well as most of the Letters. We regret that a very small number of letters could not be

included. Please take the time to read the letters as well as the ads so that you can be better informed before you vote. And Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3, or earlier if law allows.

Gary Scruton, Editor/Owner

Letter to the Editor: These Republican Candidates Deserve Your Vote on November 3rd

To the Editor,

The slate of Republican candidates on the ballot on Nov. 3rd deserve your attention and your vote on Nov. 3rd because of their individual skills, talents, and unique personalities which will lead to greater accountability and transparency.

Whether you admire President Donald Trump's style or not, you have to admit he has kept his word, and "got the job done," for his pro-American policies. According to many reliable sources in the media, he "... has done more in 47 months than Joe Biden has done in 47 years!" He has held more news conferences, and handled tougher questions than his predecessors. His list of accomplishments are incomparable! He deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd!

Bryant 'Corky' Messner is another candidate who deserves your vote for US Senate. He is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point as well as the University of Denver Sturm School of Law. 'Corky' served in the US Army with

the rank of Captain, and went on the various law firms as Associate and Partner until becoming a Founding Partner and CEO of Messner Reeves LLP Law Firm. Like his opponent, Cynthia Bowers Shaheen, of Missouri, whose changed name is "Jeanne," he is a transplant from another state. But, unlike his opponent, 'Corky' has retained his Republican values! 'Corky' deserves your vote on Nov.3rd.

Steve Negron is another veteran of military service who served in the US Air Force as a Missile Silo Technician. Steve is a graduate with an MBA (Masters, Business Administration) from Western NE University, and is the owner of a small business, Integron, LLC. As a veteran and a small business owner, Steve brings a new focus and perspective to the office of US Congressman from NH...experiences which his opponent lacks! Steve deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd.

Chris Sununu deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd. Ac-

ording to the "Best States Study" from the US News and World Report, "NH is ranked #2 ...with respect to taxes and overhaul health of the economies of the states." If it were not for the veto power of our Republican Governor, NH would have lost its enviable position in this prestigious ranking! In addition, Gov. Sununu has earned the highly prized grade of "A" for his steady handling of the state's economy after the COVID-19 Recession. Gov. Sununu is highly touted for restraining taxes and spending!

Joe Kenney is a person who has served the citizens of NH in various capacities. As a Representative, Senator, candidate for Governor, and Executive Councilor, Joe deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd for his experience and constituent service. Joe is a military "hero" not only for serving 3 tours of duty with the US Marine Corps in the Middle East (Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War), but he was honored by President

George H. W. Bush in the White House for collecting over 100,000 toys in the US Marines 'Toys for Tots' Program which were distributed to DC Metropolitan children. The Boston Celtics saw fit to honor Joe at center court with the "Heroes in Action" Award. Joe Kenney deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd.

Erin Hennessey deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd. As a successful, 3-term Representative from District 1, Erin is an accomplished woman who holds an Accounting Degree from Boston College. She is a CPA, and serves on the Board of Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank. She has served on different NH State Commissions as well as serving as a member of the House Finance Committee. From working as a real estate manager to a college professor to a senior corporate auditor, Erin Hennessey deserves your vote on Nov. 3rd.

The Republican candidates for Representative in Districts 1, 2, 3, 14, and 15

range from military veterans to small business owners as well as a lawyer, and a doctor. Calvin Beaulier, Joe DePalma, IV, Dr. Robert Peraino, Matt Simon, David Binford, and Thomas "Wes" Chapmon deserve your vote on Nov. 3rd. These candidates have diverse skills and experiences worthy of service to their constituents. They deserve your vote on Nov. 3rd.

Lastly, former Grafton County Sheriff, Doug Dutille, has served Grafton County for decades as a trusted law enforcement official. He has worked on County budgets with precision by cutting out the "Fat." He, and Omer Ahern, Jr, both have the experience to present to the citizens and residents of Grafton County a prudent, responsible, and cost-effective budget with no tax increase to the citizens of Grafton County. They deserve your vote for Grafton County Commissioners on Nov. 3rd.

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH

Letter to the Editor: Candidate Choate

To the Editor,

Greetings to my fellow citizens in the Caledonia-Orange Senate District, including all of Caledonia County and the six Orange County towns of Newbury, Bradford, Topsham, Fairlee, West Fairlee, and Orange. Thank you for granting me the honor of serving as one of your two Senators in 2009 & 2010. I am asking for your vote again this election and would ask you to consider my reasons.

As a Registered Nurse, I have been on the front lines of our hospital's response to Covid-19. In my leadership role I have seen firsthand not only the medical implications of caring for the community during this pandemic, but the fallout from our economic shutdown on our employees and the greater community as well. Schools closed, childcare closed, businesses closed, employment suspended, reduced, or ended. The last several months have been extremely hard on all of us and our initial recovery is already being impacted by a new

surge of Covid-19 this autumn.

Despite the dismal times with which we find ourselves, I know there are bright spots pointing a way to a future recovery. If we can leverage those today, we will position our state for a better tomorrow. I believe that my experience in the Senate coupled with over twenty-five years of service to the community as a healthcare provider, position me to help make the difficult choices ahead while keeping an eye on that better future.

Our state has been changing for the last several years. The population has been decreasing while at the same time growing older. In the next ten years, unless something changes, 1 in 4 Vermonters will be a senior citizen and our workforce will be 15% smaller. Pressure on our tax base will increase as a result, with fewer people paying taxes. At the same time, demand for services will be increasing. To reverse this trend, we must pivot our state into a growth

trajectory, and to do that will require careful investments in the right places.

We need to build out affordable, high quality, and downtown housing wherever possible. For anyone considering remaining in or relocating to Vermont, a place to live is essential. If we follow the national trend that people want to live closer to downtowns, we have an opportunity to incentivize and assist with those developments. One key to success with incentivizing housing is ensuring that broadband, high speed internet is present. I view broadband today as analogous to phone lines in the 1940's and 50's – it took the government to help ensure phone lines reached nearly every nook and cranny in the country and the same is true for reaching every corner of Vermont. It is an economic necessity and will be an investment that I will work to secure.

We must continue to examine our way of doing business, especially with an eye towards easing regulatory

requirements for building and siting new enterprises. Many legislators and candidates talk about reducing these burdens, but in practice not much ever changes. The most recent bill passed in September to make changes to Act 250 amounted to adding more regulation on forests and trails and did nothing to modernize nor streamline the process. Governor Scott has vetoed it and I would not have supported it as passed. It has been over 50 years since Act 250 was passed and we have collectively done little to modernize it; while I agree in the protections created by this landmark piece of legislation, we must update the law to reflect our changing land use needs.

We have an opportunity to invest workforce development by investing in our state colleges. In Caledonia County alone, the Northern Vermont University contributes tens of millions of dollars annually to our economy, provides jobs, infuses our community with culture and arts, and pro-

vides a pathway to advancing one's education to a satisfying career. I will work to ensure our state college system has the funding it needs for stability, while also working to partner private businesses with the colleges on joint ventures to develop our future workforce. My own experience in developing a joint nursing program with CCV and VTC provides our employees an at-work nursing program at no cost to the employee, a model that I am certain can be translated to many other parts of our economy.

As we come to the final week of Campaign 2020, I hope that I can earn your vote. You can learn more about me at www.votechoate.com, or on Facebook – Matthew Choate for Caledonia/Orange Senate. I will always be open to listening to all points of view, making thoughtful decisions, and working hard on each of your behalf. I thank you and encourage you to Vote Choate in 2020!

Matthew Choate
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On Friday, October 9, 4-H families and nursing home residents dropped off pre-carved pumpkins which were illuminated each night during the long holiday weekend. A total of 71 pumpkins were easily seen from Route 10, thanks to the loan of bleachers from the North Haverhill Fair Association and Dave Lackie. The weather cooperated on Saturday and the Activities Department staff was able to offer residents a chance to view the display first-hand.

"This cross-generational project was a wonderful opportunity for our Grafton County 4-H youth to celebrate our most isolated community members," said Donna Lee, Grafton County 4-H Program Manager. Donna came up with this creative approach to bringing smiles to the faces of the Grafton County nursing home residents and staff, and for the entire community to enjoy.

For more information about 4-H in Grafton County, please contact Donna Lee at Donna.Lee@unh.edu, 603-787-6944.


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Alice Fay Pierson: OBITUARY

Woodsville, NH- Alice Fay Pierson, 90, of Cherry Street, died on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.



Alice was born on October 12, 1930 in Gilead, ME to Leroy and Evelyn (Wilson) Aremburg. She was a graduate of Haverhill Academy, Class of 1948. On October 15, 1949, she married Roger G. Pierson. They had eight children.

Over the years, Alice worked in the kitchen and for housekeeping at Cottage Hospital. For 17 years, she was an LNA at the Grafton County Nursing Home prior to working as a dietary aide for 9 years.

Alice was a member of the Woodsville United Methodist Church and was the vice president of Girls Club at the church. She was a member of the VFW Post #5245 Auxiliary in North Haverhill, NH. She was an active hospice volunteer.

She enjoyed going to yard sales with Anita, bowling with the Women's League, and working in the kitchen at the VFW on BINGO nights. Alice knitted many blankets, stockings, mittens and sweaters. She donated many pairs of mittens to the church for

folks of all ages. Alice was a huge Boston sports fan, rarely missing a game on TV. Her children and grandchildren were active in school and sporting events and Alice was always there to support them. She treasured the time spent with her family.

Alice was predeceased by her parents, Leroy and Evelyn (Wilson) Aremburg; her husband of 30 years, Roger Pierson; four sons, Rodney, Tommy, R. Scott, and Andy Pierson; three sisters, Carolyn LaBossiere, Marion French, and Fernwood Minshull; and five brothers, Rodney, Charles, Daniel, Raymond, and Lawrence Aremburg.

She is survived by two daughters, Joanne Pierson of Woodsville and Cathy Ricker and husband Kenneth of Groton, VT; two sons, Dale Pierson and wife Anita

of Woodsville and Ron Pierson and wife Karen of Tucson, AZ; nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Aremburg of North Haverhill and John Aremburg of Chester, VT; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be on Monday, October 26th from 6-7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville.

A memorial service will be on Tuesday, October 27th at 11 AM in the Woodsville United Methodist Church, Maple Street, Woodsville, with Rev. David Palmer, officiating.

Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Swiftwater Road, Woodsville.

Masks and social distancing are required for attendance at Alice's services. Please understand that seating at the church will be limited.

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.

Vincent B. Wright: OBITUARY

Bradford, VT-Vincent B. Wright, 62, of Chase Hollow Road died unexpectedly Friday, October 9, 2020.



He was born January 10, 1958 in Woodsville, NH the son of Richard Wright and Elsie (Cheney) Wright.

He attended Bradford schools and was a graduate of Oxbow High School. After his schooling, he drove truck, local and long-haul. He also drove propane truck for Perry Oil in Bradford.

In March of 1990, he married Vivian Lefebvre in Pike, NH. They were later divorced.

In 2011, he became disabled as a result of a trucking accident.

Vincent loved to ride his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and was a big New England Patriots football fan. He collected guns, enjoyed antiques, and making his award-winning apple pies.

He leaves behind his daughter, Cassady Wright and her boyfriend, Joe Johnston of Bridgton, ME,

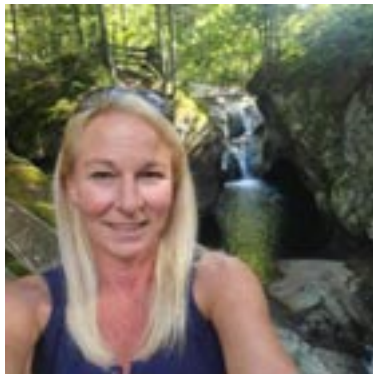
his mother, Elsie Wright of Wells River, VT, two sisters, Julie Wood of Ryegate, VT and Tammy Wright of Haverhill, NH, one brother, Tony Wright and his wife Barbara Wright of Mills River, NC, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Richard Wright, his brother-in-laws, Jim Harris and Dave Wood, his niece, Jenny McKinley, and numerous uncles and aunts.

A memorial ride and Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2021. Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home in Bradford, VT.

Julie Fandino: OBITUARY

Barre, VT - Julie Fandino, born in Springfield, MA on March 4th, 1969 died tragically in Barre, VT on October 12, 2020 as a result of domestic violence.



Julie was born to Arthur and Virginia Wescott, Virginia later married Donald Lappie who raised Julie as his own.

Julie always saw her greatest accomplishment and her pride and joy as her three children she shared with their father, James; James Jr. (Nicky), Anthony and Samantha. She also leaves her grandson, Aiden whom she adored, and her fiancé and soulmate, Aaron Johnson of Vershire, VT.

Her siblings are, Michael, Cheryl, Douglas, Holly, Debbie, Carl, Dawn, Amy, Holly, John-Michael, Denise, Frank and Beth. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as countless friends.

Julie will be missed by her co-workers at the Price

Chopper in Berlin, VT where she was the Bakery Manager and had worked for over 25 years.

Julie loved her time with family beyond anything else. She also loved skydiving, chasing waterfalls and cold Bud-Lights. Julie's smiles and laughter were contagious to all who were blessed to be in her presence. Her newest adventure and love was hot-air ballooning with fiancé Aaron.

A Celebration of Her Life was to take place at the Post Mills Airport, 202 VT Route 244, Thetford, VT on Sunday, October 25th. Visitation

to begin at 11:00 AM.

A Service of Celebration will begin at approximately 2:00 PM.

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Hale Funeral Home in Bradford is honored to be entrusted with the care of Julie and to have contributed to the Vermont Domestic Violence Network in her memory.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor;

New Hampshire is unique in its governance with the Executive Council. The Council could evolve into a rubber stamp for a governor or it may serve to be representative of the diverse regions of the Granite State. Michael J Cryans has proven himself in the representative role in his first term as Executive Councilor. Mr. Cryans is neither a partisan obscurionist nor a partisan rubber stamp.

That balance merits acknowledgement and reward. He is from the North Country, understands the North Country and serves the constituent needs of the North Country regardless of party affiliation.

I write to support Michael Cryans' re-election to the Executive Council even though he does not identify with my party registration.

John P. Rosson
Bethlehem

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing in support of Joe Kenney who is running for Executive Councilor and Erin Hennessey who is running for NH State Senate. As a small business owner in Colebrook for 20 years, I have called upon Joe Kenney to help me navigate many issues. In particular, I asked Joe Kenney to help me represent my concerns about Child Care licensing regulations. Joe not only spoke with me on several occasions to understand my needs he volunteered to attend the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative rules (JLCAR) hearing in Concord with me. He graciously advocated for my voice in the meeting and

spent the extra time to explain the NH rules process to me. Joe Kenney has continued to support my work, always answering the phone when I call and continues to work to connect me to those that are positioned to best help. Joe truly works for YOU! He never asked me my political views, he was only focused on helping me resolve my problems. I contacted Mike Cryans to help on some issues back in May, I have not heard back from him yet! Thank you Joe Kenney, we need you in the North Country!

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Brooks
Stewartstown, NH

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Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

The general election fast approaches and we as a nation and as a state are in dire need of getting back to our Constitution. Our individual liberties are threatened and the extent of government overreach and unconstitutional "mandates" grows exponentially by the day. With the main focus being on the presidential portion of the election few realize the great importance of our local elections. Change starts from the bottom up and Wes Chapmon is the man we need to fight this fight for us!

Wes is running for State Representative of Grafton District 3. This is his first time running and he is up against a 'visually' popular candidate and current State Rep Denny Ruprecht. But how much actual substance does Ruprecht have?

I can answer that personally because I attended a town meeting where Denny appeared seemingly as a support person for another candidate Ed Rajsteter. He answered partially

an inquiry into his stance on the 2nd amendment. However, when the time came to ask him more pointed questions, that as our current State Rep he should have wanted to address, he looked at his watch and said he had to run. Needless to say I wasn't impressed.

Looking into Denny Ruprecht's record I discovered that he voted for a state income tax, voted 13 times to raise taxes and fees and also voted to increase state spending by a massive 1.5 billion! Ruprecht has also voted to force the inclusion of men in girl's bathrooms, locker rooms and girl's sports. He has received failing grades from the NRA and NH Firearms Coalition and also voted for the "guilty till proven innocent" red flag laws. To top it off he voted FOR HR63 which the NH Supreme Court overturned and unanimously ruled unconstitutional.

Do we want a legislator with so little respect and understanding of our Constitution? Do we want a

representative that violates their oath to defend the Constitution and instead creates laws that blatantly go against the foundation on which this country was built?

I believe in my heart, as I know you do, that we do not want this for our country, our children and our grandchildren. This is why I firmly stand with Wes Chapmon for my representative to Concord! Wes not only listens to our concerns but he fully answers any questions we have. He understands the Constitution and our unalienable rights and advocates for them each day.

Wes is a man of tremendous integrity. He stands for a smaller, fiscally responsible government and the individual rights of each person. Vote Wes Chapmon for State Representative of Grafton District 3 on November 3rd and let's get back to what this state is all about! LIVE FREE OR DIE!

Lori Anne Conley
Resident of Piermont NH

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

The freedoms that Americans enjoy are defined by laws. Laws that limit the reach of government. It is the people that give life to the laws and to the principles embodied in the Constitution, the laws that limit government. Without We The People expecting and demanding that those limiting laws, and that the Constitution be upheld, then they won't be. Those who seek, those who long for power and control over society will take that control!

Under limited government it is the family, neighbors and religious institutions that support each other during birth and

death, hold each other up during times of need. It is not the duty of the government to do these things. Read the Constitution and you will see that the Constitution, the laws our country was built upon were meant to protect your rights, not dictate to you how you might live.

If you agree with small government then you need to vote for representatives who believe in the Constitution. Wes Champon Grafton District 3 and David Binford for Grafton District 15 are men who believe in small government.

Thank you, Liana Senoski
Piermont

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

North country folks considering voting for David Binford (NH House District 15) and Wes Chapmon (NH House District 3), ask them about their community involvement. Attendance at town meetings, school budget meetings, volunteering for any town committees? Have they ever

attended any Grafton County Commissioner meetings or recent county budget hearings? If they don't care to help their own town or express interest in the county in which they live, do you really think they are running to help you?

Karen Fesler
Bath

Halloween Decor



by Kellie Quakenbush

At the corner of where Route 10 intersects Route 25-A in Orford, NH is the home of the Keyes family. Every Holiday they do their part in decorating and reminding those that pass by that there is kindness and merriment left in the world. Halloween is no different as you stop and wonder at the brilliance of their well timed seasonal decor. It is a brilliant site, especially at night and it will be gone the day after Halloween.

Fall decorations, pumpkins, corn stalks and gourds are out in abundance this year. A reminder that in the very worst of times we still hang on to the spirit of fun. The harvest display of pumpkins, gourds and squashes is also a reminder to give thanks. Remembering that which we have been given and showing gratitude for all that is good.

Brr-Mont Craft Gallery's Marc & Diane of Fairlee, VT, have always been on top of

celebrating the holidays with thoughtful and over-the-top decorating. This Season is no exception. The delightful characters that have taken residence on their porch really need a few minutes to appreciate all that is their design.

We may not be able to let the kids go door to door for trick or treating this year due to the risk of COVID-19 but we can take a family drive after dark and enjoy the fine decor of those who felt the "spirit" move them to great

yard decor. Happy Halloween.



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NH Fire Ban Lifted, Wildfire Caution Continues

Soaking rains and early snowfall have resulted in New Hampshire officials lifting the recent statewide ban on certain fires.

A shift in the weather pattern, along with improving drought conditions and rising water levels, has reduced the potential for large wildfire development.

Currently, the following are no longer prohibited in New Hampshire:

- kindling of open fires, including fires built for camping, the burning of debris, or warming – where permitted on public trails or other public property;
- smoking a pipe, cigar and/or cigarette outdoors in or near public woodlands or on public trail; and
- obtaining a permit for the kindling of fires greater than four feet in diameter and not contained within a ring of fire resistive material, classified as “Category Three” fires.

As required by law, permits are always required for any open burning.

“New Hampshire experienced unusually challenging fire conditions this summer and fall, and the hard work of our fire service statewide –

both through educating the public and through extinguishing wildfires that did occur – helped reduce the impact of wildfires on our state,” said Chief Steven Sherman, N.H. Forest Protection Bureau.

“Although certain restrictions have been lifted, it’s important to remember that anyone wishing to have an outdoor fire in New Hampshire must obtain a permit from the local fire department or other overseeing authority, or by visiting nhfirepermit.com,” Sherman concluded.

Ninety percent of wildfires in New Hampshire result from human causes.

The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources’ Division of Forests and Lands, which protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands and the work of its Forest Protection Bureau, visit nh.gov/nhdfl or call 603-271-2214.

Vote For A Solid Investment Strategy

Election Day is a week away. As a citizen, you may feel the results will affect many aspects of life in this country. But as an investor, your situation probably won’t change after the votes are counted.

No matter who wins, the financial markets may well show some politically driven volatility, but that often happens around elections, and it typically doesn’t last long. But what about the longer term? How might changes in policy and new legislation affect your investment outlook? To begin, keep in mind that many campaign promises remain just that – promises. And even when some of them are enacted, any ultimate legislation may be quite different from what was proposed on the campaign trail.

Still, sometime in the future, we could see election-related changes that could affect your investment strategy. For example, over the years, we’ve seen many adjustments in the tax rates of capital

gains and stock dividends, and it’s likely these rates will change again one day. When that happens, you

may need to look at the equities portion of your portfolio to see if you want to make some adjustments.

Many other changes, though, are hard to predict. It’s possible that future legislation could affect specific industries, either positively or negatively. Such moves could also influence the way you look at certain investments, but if you have a diversified portfolio that contains a broad mix of stocks, bonds and other securities, any actions affecting one particular industry probably won’t cause you to significantly adjust holdings invested in other sectors.

In any case, while it may be a good idea to keep an eye open for things like tax rate changes or how new policies may affect different market segments, your main emphasis, in terms of your investment decisions, should remain on your goals and what you need to do to achieve them.

At least once each year, review your portfolio carefully to make sure your investments are aligned with your goals, whether they are short-term (a new car, a long vacation and so on) or long-term (such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement). Periodically, depending on what’s happening in

your life and the progress of your investment portfolio, you may need to evaluate your goals to ensure they’re prioritized appropriately to help keep you on track toward achieving what’s most important to you.

Over time, your goals may change, too. Perhaps you’ve decided that instead of retiring early and traveling around the world, you now want to turn your hobby into a business. Changing this goal may require a different investment strategy. Or you might change your mind about where you want to live – instead of staying in your home, as originally planned, you might downsize and move to a different area. Your goals may change in many ways, all of which may warrant updating your investment strategies.

Here’s the key point: You’re the one electing to make these changes. No matter what happens in this or any other election, be sure to “vote” for the strategies that have the potential for a winning outcome.

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Letter to the Editor:

"Vote for a Hero for Executive Councilor, District 1"

Dear Editor,

Joe Kenney is a hero in the eyes of many people. Serving in the Marine Corps, Joe is the veteran of 3 conflicts: the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War.

Joe was honored by the Boston Celtics at center court with “The Heroes Among Us” Award as well as being honored by President George H. W. Bush at the White House for his work as an enlisted Marine stationed in Washington, DC for collecting over 100,000 toys for needy kids in the metropolitan area.

Having grown up in NH, Joe worked to buy his grammar school clothes, and pay for his college education. Not owning a car, he hitchhiked 20 miles to basketball practice to play on the varsity basketball team during the winter. Joe is a graduate of the University of NH, majoring in history and minoring in small business management. During his junior year in college, he traveled as a student in a program called, “Semester

at Sea,” a college-accredited program which allowed him to take international college courses aboard the USS Universe while traveling around the world. In addition, he was a Division I NCAA soccer player.

Joe joined the NH House of Representatives in 1995, and served in this capacity until 2003 when constituents elected him to the NH Senate from 2003 until 2009. With more to give his fellow Granite-Staters, Joe ran for Governor in 2008. In 2009, Joe was unable to regain his Senate seat because he was called back to Active Duty with the US Marine Corps.

Joe won the District 1 (encompassing Grafton and Coos Counties!) Executive Councilor seat in 2014 in a special election due to the death of favorite son, Raymond S. Burton in 2013. Joe served the citizens of District 1 until 2019.

The Executive Council District 1 is an enormous area which runs from Claremont in southwestern Grafton County to Tilton to Milton on the Maine border

and north to Canada! It encompasses roughly 2/3 of the state of NH!

Each Executive Councilor can be characterized as 1/5 Lt. Governor since each councilor represents 1/5 of the population or roughly 263,000 citizens! Together with the Governor, the 5 Executive Councilors have the authority and responsibility over the administration of the affairs of the State of NH as defined in the NH Constitution.

Joe Kenney’s accomplishments in 4 years as Executive Councilor range from international trade and economic development efforts between Montreal, Quebec, and NH in addition to promoting improvements within the towns throughout Grafton and Coos Counties!

A vote for Joe Kenney for Executive Councilor, District 1 on Tuesday, November 3rd is a vote for responsible, affordable, and bipartisan oversight of the towns of Grafton and Coos Counties!"

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Letter to the Editor: Is an Income tax in our future?

To the Editor,

Let's face it. These are desperate times. If you live in Lincoln, Woodstock, or Waterville Valley you know that jobs are scarce. Money is tight. Yes, everyone knows these are hard times yet it doesn't seem to faze Mr. Stringham nor his Democrat crony's in Concord. In a recent article in the Trendy Times Mr. Stringham tried to claim the Family & Medical Leave act was not funded by a New Hampshire state income tax.

Imagine the desperation and fear Mr. Stringham must be experiencing as he is coming to realize that his appalling tax and spend House Democrat voting record is being exposed. For example in his article he claims that the family leave act that he help pass was not funded with a tax on income. However an article published in the Granitgrok by Kimberly Morin (a life-long independent) way back in October of 2018 exposed this bill for what it really is: A TAX ON EMPLOYEES INCOME!

Ms. Morin's article tells us that an employee may opt out of the program, with difficulty; BUT, even if an employee opts out, their employer still has to pay this new tax on every single employee and their wages. By

the way, this bill also has that typical Democrat bias of favoring government employees: This tax only applies to Private Businesses! Private businesses in Lincoln, Woodstock and Waterville who have to pay this tax would augment the salaries of government employees whose employer (the state) is not mandated to join.

One may conclude that the majority of employees will never use this mandated benefit due to age or other circumstances. However the money still flows in...My guess this surplus will eventually find its way into the pocket of yet another government funded unelected bureaucrat. That bureaucrat just may be the proposed unelected bureaucrat with the title of Employment Security Commissioner. This position will have the power to raise or lower the percent of an employee's wages taken to fund this program. Imagine an unelected bureaucrat having the power to take a portion of an employee's wage to fund a "benefit" many will never need or ever use.

Governor Sununu's veto message regarding house bill 712 sums it up nicely: "Whether one chooses to characterize it as a "premium on wages" or a "pay-

roll deduction," the reality remains that if it looks like an income tax, functions like an income tax, and takes more money out of the paychecks of hard working taxpayers like an income tax, then it is an income tax. ... Sadly, Democratic leadership chooses not to collaborate on a solution. When given a choice between paid family medical leave and an income tax, Democrats chose the income tax. Rather than deliver an important opportunity for New Hampshire residents, the legislature has insisted on trying to once again to pass more taxes onto the citizens of our state. Neither I nor the people of New Hampshire will ever support an Income Tax. For the for the reasons stated above I have vetoed house bill 712. "

Be careful when you cast your vote this November. Be aware that Mr. Stringham and his fellow House Democrats (they typically all vote the same) under HB 1 voted to increase NH spending 13%, raise NH taxes by \$400 million, and create a massive deficit at the end of the two year NH budget.

Vote Republican this November: Keep New Hampshire a wonderful place to live.
Paul Schirduan
Lincoln

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing to urge readers to return Denny Ruprecht to the NH House of Representatives, this time in the Grafton 3 position in his race against Wes Chapmon.

Denny was raised in the town of Bath and closely emulates the style of his hero Ray Burton. Embracing the bipartisan spirit, Denny is always approachable and considers all his constituents before making his decisions. I have known Denny for many years and know him as a person of integrity. He has always been someone who can see a problem and work toward a solution without waiting for others to come along to do the dirty work.

This is just the way Denny is and always has been. In high school he saw a waste issue in the cafeteria. He came up with a solution that not only addressed the issue, but also saved money at the same time. He

has continued to work hard for our North Country interests in the same way.

Out of curiosity I checked out his opponent's ideas and was disturbed to read Chapmon's thoughts about Senator John McCain, who often put country over party. Upon his death, Chapmon wrote in a Facebook post that McCain was part of the "Deep State" and referred to him as a loyal "comrade," who made "arms deals with the enemy." I, for one, do not wish to have a conspiracy theory promoter representing us in Concord. I also saw that he has had several posts removed by Facebook because they were deemed untrue and inappropriate.

We need honest representation in Concord and Denny Ruprecht is the person who has our best interests at heart when it comes to education, our economy, and our infrastructure.

Mary Beaudin

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Jane Kitchel is up for reelection to the Vermont State Senate for the Caledonia District – which includes towns in both Caledonia and Orange County – and we urge you to vote for her. Jane's record proves her dedication to the people of this district and to all Vermonters, especially during the pandemic. She designed the Hazard Pay Program to help the front line essential workers who risked exposure during the early months of COVID-19, and secured funding to keep our local health care programs running. Indeed, every piece of the state's COVID-19 relief effort has gone through the Appropriations Committee, which she chairs.

Jane has overseen a balanced budget every year since assuming that chair ten years ago, meanwhile

working to help local towns and villages fight milfoil, to upgrade aged water systems, and to provide economic benefits in places where it is direly needed. For example, she sponsored legislation supporting the Ryegate Power Plant, a crucial outlet for local loggers' low-grade wood; she played a key role in providing multi-million Equipment Investment Tax Credit to Weidmann for modernizing its St. Johnsbury plant, preserving over 250 well-paying jobs.

This list could be made a great deal longer, given Jane's persistent work on behalf of her constituents. Like few others in government at any level, she stresses the "public" part of public service. She deserves your vote!

Robin Barone
Sydney Lea
Newbury

Letter to the Editor: Here we go again!

To the Editor,

Democrat Sue Ford is following in the tired old footsteps of her predecessors using last minute mailings of flashy postcards that criticize her opponent with mealy-mouth accusations.

In her mailing Ms. Ford accuses her opponent of being against "efforts to provide New Hampshire families with medical, financial, and job security while they care for loved ones." Oh my, how evil to oppose something so righteous and sweet!

What if I told you that SB 1 (AKA Family Leave Act) was just another Democrat Trojan Horse designed to bring us a first in New Hampshire State Income Tax? Oh wait a minute, all NH elected Democrats say in unison (they habitually act as one) "this isn't an income tax". Taking a closer look under their plan employers will be mandated into the program unless they can prove they've an acceptable alternative. The plan allows employers to take money from employees to cover

costs. Employees can opt out BUT the employer still has to pay this new tax based on every single employee and their wages.

The Democrat plan gets worse: This funding scheme only applies to Private Sector Businesses. Private sector employees under the Democrat's plan will be forced to fund this same benefit for government workers! How generous of everyone!

Incredibly Sue Ford and her Democrat allies want an unelected bureaucrat setting this new tax rate. An unelected bureaucrat!

Forcing one group to fund another is a favorite Democrat tactic. Some would call this creeping Socialism.

Governor Sununu proposed an alternative that would provide similar benefits but allow businesses to voluntarily opt in or out. I can imagine a benefit for people who want to grow their families where a voluntary pre tax, self-contribution could be matched by the employer. That would assist

parents, children, employers and me.

Why me? Because making this benefit voluntary would avoid having me help pay for a multi-million dollar state-run program whose services I will never use. Furthermore, making it voluntary will help New Hampshire retain its low tax status in a nation flooded with high tax policies.

Yes, Sue Ford is just another old tax and spender Democrat who must join her fellow Democrats in advocating for higher taxes or be shunned.

Nice try Sue, but New Hampshire needs common sense Senators in Concord like Erin Hennessy. We need creative people with fresh ideas who look out for all of us, not tired, elected officials who simply go along to get along.

Keep New Hampshire a great place to live, on November 3, vote for Erin Hennessy, she'll have our back!

David Rivers
Thornton NH

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Letter to the Editor

Endorsement for Erin Hennessey

To the Editor,

It is with great pleasure that I give my support to Erin Hennessey for the State Senate in District 1.

For a decade I had the honor of holding this seat and I know just how important it is to have someone that will loudly and strongly advocate for us. The District 1 Senate seat is special and it takes a special person to truly do it justice. When a roll call is taken, our Senator always casts the first vote. We need to make sure that the first vote taken always puts the interests of the North Country first. Erin Hennessey is absolutely the right person for the job. Erin is a mom and a CPA. Her accounting background and years as a State Representative have prepared her to be our outstanding voice for the North Country in Concord.

As a State Representative, Erin has fought to

make sure that the health care needs of Northern New Hampshire aren't ignored and that our hospitals are fully funded. She has worked to help keep our property taxes in check by sending more money back to the towns and schools and she has never and will never support an income or a sales tax. She is a strong advocate for the Second Amendment and she fought to bring more infrastructure funding up to our community.

She is the only candidate that has a proven bipartisan voting record because she has always put the North Country ahead of partisan politics.

I know that Erin will do a great job for the North Country in the State Senate and I look forward to casting my vote for her on November 3rd.

Sen. John Gallus
Berlin, NH

Letter to the Editor

Why I support State Senator Bob Giuda For Re-Election in District 2

As our NH State Senator of District 2, Bob Giuda deserves our support on Nov. 3, 2020 in the General Election.

Bob is a fiscal conservative with a proven record of protecting the hard working, men and women of District 2 from higher taxes and unnecessary regulations that hurt our small businesses, and protecting your Second Amendment, unlike his opponent, TAX and Spend Bill Bolton, who wants to impose an "INCOME TAX" on you.

Bob has been a strong supporter of the Forest Industry, as well as Private Forest Landowners, which makes up a large part of his District. As a Certified Tree Farmer I have seen Bob

Giuda work tirelessly on forestry issues to help maintain a sustainable forest that helps not only our region, but the entire state.

With the uncertain times of Covid-19 we need someone like Bob Giuda with a proven record to represent us for another two year term in the NH State Senate. I encourage my forestry friends, hunters, small business owners and most of all the hard working men and women of District 2 who need a tax fighter working for them in Concord at the State House to join me on November 3rd and VOTE to reelect Senator Bob Giuda.

Tom Thomson
Tree Farmer
Orford, NH

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I will be voting for Erin Hennessey to speak for the North Country in the State Senate. I encourage others to do the same. As a State Representative I was one of 400 votes, in fact all of Coos County has only 10 votes. These numbers make it quite challenging to effect change. As a Senator you are one of 24 and therefore can be more influential. Erin has proven to be an effective leader in the House of Representatives and she is

a consistent advocate for the North Country. Erin's accomplishments in the House demonstrate her ability to effect changes that have helped the North Country. She is able to work with both sides of the aisle and has the respect of both sides. Make your vote count and vote for Erin Hennessey. Erin's votes in the Senate are sure to be favorable for the North Country. Representative John Fothergill
Colebrook

Letter to the Editor: Grafton County Commissioner Lauer Supports Ed Rajsteter For State Rep - Grafton 15

To the Editor,

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Ed Rajsteter for State Representative for Grafton 15 (representing the towns of Bath, Benton, Easton, Haverhill, Landaff, Orford, Piermont and Warren). I first met Ed through his work with Grafton County's Drug Court, where Ed donated significant time and effort to enhance the County's program by providing privately raised funding for incentives for Drug Court participants. Ed went on to volunteer with and serve as President of the Friends of the New Hampshire Drug Courts, the first in the nation statewide nonprofit Drug Court support organization that grew directly from Ed's work with the Friends of Grafton County Drug Court. Add to that Ed's work as former Executive Director of Headrest,

a nonprofit residential treatment and recovery support organization in Lebanon, and I feel confident in saying that Ed is the candidate who is best suited to serve in the next Legislature as it addresses the state's opioid crisis and to work on the County delegation as we address local criminal justice issues. Ed also has 40 years of experience in the financial services industry and has the knowledge and skills to represent us well in Concord and in the Grafton County delegation as we deal with financial demands that challenge the budgeting process.

Ed's exceptional organizational and financial skills are only part of the reason why I fully support his candidacy. I am also impressed by Ed's "people skills." Ed truly cares for the citizens of Grafton County. I have no

doubt that Ed's priority will be representing those citizens, and not a political party. As I watched Ed with Drug Court participants, judges, and County staff, I couldn't help but notice that Ed treats everyone with equal respect and dignity, regardless of their position in the "pecking order". He listens carefully and respectfully to diverse opinions and weighs facts before making a thoughtful decision. He is well-spoken, compassionate, and hard-working. I could not ask for a better Representative in Concord, I look forward to working with Ed on County issues, and I ask the residents of Grafton 15 to join me in voting for Ed Rajsteter for State Rep.

Linda D Lauer
Bath, NH
Grafton County Commissioner

Letter to the Editor: Hold America Together

Dear Editor:

Each of us has the right to exercise our free will to support the candidates of our choice. It is also important to protect our democracy by ensuring a peaceful election and transition of power. Unfortunately, political polarization, bitterness, and rancor are dividing Americans in ways that threaten the future of our great nation.

I Invite you to read and consider signing the Braver Angels "Hold America Together" letter (<https://braverangels.org/hat/>) that begins, "At a moment of danger in this era of divisiveness, We the American People come together to speak for the Union. Some of us will vote

for President Trump and others for Vice President Biden. But in this season of intense and legitimate partisanship, we the undersigned commit ourselves also to a higher partisanship – for the maintenance of our Union; for the importance of our shared civic life; and for those feelings of goodwill that Lincoln called the better angels of our nature."

Braver Angel is a national citizens organization that unites red, blue, and purple Americans in a working alliance to depolarize our country, embracing the core values of respect, humility, honesty, and responsible citizenship. As a former state representative, I volunteered to serve as Northern New

England coordinator, helping to promote dialogue and organize workshops that teach skills on how to listen to and better understand those with whom we disagree politically (including family members). The goal is not to change people's views of issues, but to change their views of each other.

You can join us by becoming a member for only \$12 at braverangels.org/. One person at a time, we can build a movement to ensure that our great country holds together for many years to come. Thank you!
Douglass Teschner
Pike, NH

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you and the people of Executive Council District 1 in enthusiastic support for Joe Kenney to serve as our Executive Council member representing all the people of our District!. Joe has a history of strong and unbiased leadership which has been demonstrated by his service to country as a United States Marine, service to the State of New Hampshire in the House of Representatives, Senate and followed the late Executive Councilor Ray Burton as our Executive Councilor for District 1 from 2014 to 2019. His leadership is second to none as a person that brings unity to

politics for the benefit of all people no matter what party you are affiliated with.

During my time serving as your State Fire Marshal I observed first hand the dedication, with sincere love for our state and the people across New Hampshire by Joe, as this is the way he lives his own life with integrity, honesty and fairness. Joe Kenney understood and supported a safe environment while standing up for and with the people of our District without any reservation for what party you are from. This is what a politician is supposed to be once elected to office, representing all the people. Joe Kenney listened and then

acted to help find solutions to issues raised to him by constituents! This is a person that I want to represent me as our District 1 Executive Council member.

Please join me in supporting Joe Kenney for District 1 Executive Council, voting November 3rd by electing a person with experience, honesty and integrity that will stand for all of us in District 1. Joe Kenney is a leader that is ready to bring unity, which our state and country need, and stands ready to serve on day one!

J. William Degnan
New London, NH

NH Business Review Honors Cottage Hospital Administrative Director: Karen Woods

Manchester (NH) — NH Business Review honored 16 leaders within New Hampshire's business community during its 18th annual Business Excellence Awards ceremony, held virtually on October 6, 2020. The 2020 Business Excellence Awards recognize New Hampshire's top business executives for their imagination, industriousness, innovation, and achievements.

"We are thrilled, especially in this time of uncertainty, and with so much going on at individual businesses across the state, that we were able to attract such a powerhouse crop of nominees for the 2020 Business Excellence Awards," said Jeff Feingold, editor of NH Business Review. "This year's recipients stand out in particular as dedicated leaders who have made a great impact, not only within their industries, but within their local communities, and beyond."

Recipients include Karen Woods, Administrative Director of Cottage Hospital, who is a Chairperson for the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition and helped secure a federal

grant that provides the coalition with \$125,000 in funding annually for five years;

During the virtual ceremony, John Broderick, Senior Director of External Affairs at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, and former

Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, was named the 2020 Hall of Fame honoree for his service to New Hampshire and his dedication to ending the stigma around mental illness.

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter to express our support for Matthew Choate to fill one of the two seats in the Caledonia/Orange Senate District. We urge our fellow voters in the District to seriously consider Matt as one of their choices and to ultimately vote for Matt.

We reside in the Town of Barnet where Matt grew up on the family farm and which remains in his family. We became acquainted with Matt in his prior campaigns and his prior service in the Senate. We are impressed with his hard work and diligence. He will fight for the middle class residents of the District whether or not they vote for him.

Matt's profession is as a nurse/nurse administrator, so he is involved in the de-

livery of health care. Health care is a subject that is very important to all of us especially in this time of uncertainty as to exactly what is happening on the federal level. We are confident that Matt will work hard toward a common sense and cost-effective solution on the state level to fill any gaps that are created on a federal level. He will be looking at the delivery of health care from a patient level, which he is intimately familiar with. He will work for affordable prescription costs. These are life and death issues, and we need someone like Matt to be on our side and fight for us.

Please vote for Matthew Choate for State Senate in the Caledonia/Orange District.

Very truly yours,
Kevin R. Bruno

Letter to the Editor

The Honorable Denny Ruprecht is currently running a re-election ad with statements that must be addressed.

The ad states "Delivering the most state aid to public education in recent history." Though this statement may be true, I would like to point out that Ruprecht as well as ALL members of his party voted against accepting a \$46 million dollar Federal Grant for charter schools! This money would have made a difference in the education of hundreds of children throughout NH and considering how many children are now using VLACs which is a virtual charter school here in NH, because of Covid-19 that money certainly would have been beneficial! "This grant would build on that success by giving both public charter and traditional district schools a chance to try new ways to reach students most at risk." - NH Education Commissioner Frank Edeblut

The ad states "Reducing property tax rates" HOLD ON! The county budget has increased for at least 6 years and has gone up each year! The last two years Ruprecht voted lock step with his democrat colleagues to raise the county

budget. HAVE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GONE DOWN? It is critical to vote for State Representative candidates that respect your money and will represent you at the county level for each budget hearing! Speaking of taxes Ruprecht voted to increase state spending by 13%, raise taxes by \$400 million, voted for a state income tax and voted to raise taxes on NH employers and voted for over 20 new or increased fees!

The ad states "Making investments in local infrastructure projects" What infrastructure projects? How is your cell phone coverage? What is the quality of your internet service?

The ad states "Putting an end to Northern Pass" Northern Pass was dead when it was killed the term before Ruprecht was elected, when the Honorable David Binford was the Grafton County District 15 State Representative. Yes, they tried to revive it but it was a last gasp.

Locally, Susan Ford, Timothy Egan, Elaine French, Linda Massimilla, and Dennis Ruprecht voted along Party Lines FOR the following NH House Bills: HB 186 – killing entry-level

jobs for unskilled workers; HB 211 – micromanaging businesses' hiring practices; HB 253 - micromanaging businesses' hiring practices; HB 272 – micromanaging businesses' hiring practices; HB 233 – enshrining unaffordable, inadequate, and inferior features of Obamacare in NH law; HB 295 – equating marriage with domestic violence by funding a domestic violence program with the marriage license fee; HB 263 – letting boys in girls' sports, and in girls' locker rooms; These same "northern" Grafton legislators also voted AGAINST: HB158 – merely collecting statistics about abortions; and, HB124 – repealing a never-used and unconstitutional infringement on free speech.

The towns covered by these legislators include: Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Littleton, Lisbon, Lyman, Monroe, Orford, Piermont, Warren, and Sugar Hill. B. Hight, Warren, NH, Resident of Grafton State Rep Districts 3 and 15 and Senate District 2

Acceptance

Topics
Disability and Aging
by Cyndy Wellman



Spook

Wear a decorative mask and make someone's day!

Fall always seems to amaze me with the spirits. Leaf peepers, theme decorations, apple picking and Halloween. Ignore the Covid-19 for a minute. This has been a great distraction and it's outside activities for the most part.

Think about places

where you must wear a mask. Stores, schools, restaurants and everywhere where they ask.

We need to give hospitals credit. They must wear it daily also. So many medical teams. Even volunteers! Do not be spook/Halloween if you see a surgeon dress in Scrubs, hat, and a mask. They are doing their job. Let the spirit live on!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am seeing red! Oh, don't worry, I'm not an angry housewife. I'm just a tax paying citizen of North Haverhill who sees the immense importance of voting in favor of the values I hold dear, as well as holding the responsibility of sharing what I believe in. When pondering the candidacies available to us, I consider what could benefit us first, collectively. I tend to lean towards leaders and servants who can provide accountability, while also promoting accountability of government. I want to rest assured that we have leaders and servants in positions that speak for the people: being pro business, working hard to fight for middle class America, opposing tax increases, having a personal understanding of how we live and survive. I don't want leaders who "reward wealth and power" as described by a fellow level-headed citizen of our district and state. I want leaders who move forward with our best interests in mind, and who can sit down with me and understand my personal struggles; recognizing them and compassionately trying to solve them.

I find great importance in voting for people who display integrity, honesty, and

most importantly, the ability to show humility. I find these characteristics specifically in David W. Binford, especially after witnessing how gracefully he has handled "being in the public eye." Mr. Binford is a humble combat veteran who has a clear vision for the people. He will surely have my vote for the NH House of Representatives for Grafton 15. Being a combat veteran himself, Mr. Binford understands the value of unity, accountability, protecting our 2nd Amendment, and fighting for our brothers and neighbors.

I pray for a very Red future for the United States of America, or at least for another four years. I pray for the same abundance of color to represent the great state of New Hampshire in districts all over in the upcoming elections. I pray for public servants who care about working for all people, who care about the sanctity of my ability to express my prayer, who care about putting us all first, and who care about my right to protect my family. As for Grafton 15, let's do this right. Make your votes count!

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Letter to the Editor: Character and the Race for NH House District 15

To the Editor,

On November 3rd, there are two choices for House District 15 representative – David Binford of Bath and Ed Rajsteter of North Haverhill. How do we choose?

Binford was a Representative for the district from 2017 through 2018. During that time, he voted AGAINST marijuana legalization and FOR repealing the greenhouse gas initiative; AGAINST prohibiting gender identity discrimination and FOR allowing gay conversion therapy; AGAINST allowing people with medical needs to grow their own marijuana, and FOR allowing loaded firearms to be carried everywhere, including into polling places. He didn't even show up to vote on 87 bills brought to the floor.

In addition, as reported in the Valley News of 3/26/2017, Binford offered to help provide security for a Rivendell Academy basketball game against a mixed race/mixed nationality Winooski, VT team. He showed up at a high school auditorium crowded with children, wearing military fatigues and openly carrying a loaded sidearm, much to

the chagrin of the Orford police chief and the school's athletic director.

The other candidate, Ed Rajsteter, retired from 40 years of working in the banking industry and has dedicated his life to helping people fight the scourge of drug addiction. He is the founder and president of the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts, which provides substance abuse services for people in need. He was awarded the Advocacy in Action Award for his work.

Ed has a long history of volunteerism and, when elected, will continue combating the opioid epidemic in our state, reducing prescription drug costs, and finding better ways to fund the state's troubled education system.

Ed Rajsteter will work for all NH residents, regardless of their gender, race, sexual orientation, or social status. David Binford's record speaks for itself.

Character matters. Vote for Ed Rajsteter for NH Representative for District 15.

Rachael Booth
Landaff



What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Fall Traditions

Watching the changing of the leaves, the brilliant red, golden yellow, and the glowing orange that seem to paint the landscape around us, brings back memories of the simple time of my youth. Ma would take advantage of the fresh harvest of apples and the kitchen would smell of baked apples and spice. Coming home from school, the smell of fresh baked apple pie would waft in the air from the kitchen window. Pumpkin bread, apple pie, and baked beans all bring back the wonders of my childhood in the New Hampshire, White Mountains.

As a child, I did not appreciate the splendors of the region, but now I see what it was my parents were trying to make me and my siblings understand about this unique region. If you drive Route 25-A from Orford, NH into Wentworth, NH, you will get to enjoy a winding, tree

lined, road that opens up to great views of Mount Moosilauke and Mount Cube. Taking Route 25-C from Piermont, NH to Warren, NH gives a lovely, tree lined and winding, road that opens in areas to lake views and mountain views - quite breath taking.

New Hampshire and Vermont have some of the best apple orchards, Windy Ridge Orchard in North Haverhill, NH, Poverty Lane Orchards and Farnum Hill Ciders in Lebanon, NH, Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, NH, Gould Hill Farm in Contoocook, NH, Champlain Orchards in Shoreham, VT, and Burt's Apple Orchard in Cabot, VT come to mind as some of the best orchard's in the area. Yankee-Autumn in New England, <https://newengland.com/today/travel>, has listed what they consider the "13 Best Apple Orchards in New Eng-

land" and if you have the time, it would make for a great trip to see how many you could visit in a weekend. Along the way you will find many quaint Bed & Breakfasts to make the experience complete.

Fall traditions of apple picking, driving thru the ever changing mountain byways, stopping at State and National parks to breath the crisp fall air and see a mountain reflection on a lake, these are the things we do to build family memories. There is no "hurry up", no "we have to beat traffic", just the family driving on an adventure and looking at what there is to see. If you drive too fast, you miss it and if you say, "miss what?" then you truly did miss it.

Last week, I saw a moose three times in one day, a flock of turkeys had a parade and two deer bounded into the road. Bear meander thru the trees and geese are squawking. Ma likes to say, "the adventure is waiting." She is right, of course, the good kind of adventure, taking a ride with people you love, looking at what there may be to see and wonder at. My fall tradition, just to breath it in, the wonders of nature as the trees change in the fall.

Blurring The Lines

by Maggie Anderson

This afternoon I passed a house whose inhabitants seem a bit confused.

The yard is peppered with banners and signs signifying support for various political candidates. That much I get.

A yardful of support for candidates one feels stand for the same things you do, candidates who concentrate on the issues dear to you is a no-brainer.

However on a 4'x8' slab of plywood placed directly in front of the house is the message I am confused about.

In huge letters across the top of the plywood is the Trump campaign slogan - MAGA - Make America Great Again. Below that sign reads

- Vote Biden/Harris.

I'm trying to figure out if the inhabitants are so bewildered by the usual political shenanigans they can't remember who said what and they don't want to slight anybody.

On the other hand could they be polar opposites politically and one won't allow the other to hog the whole signage spotlight?

Either way the sign suggests really strange bedfellows, that or in all the current political give and take their cheese is slipping off their crackers and neither of them can remember who has promised what.

In this I doubt they are alone.

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Prior to coming to Little Rivers Health Care I worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services in Woodsville, NH and at Upper Valley Pediatrics in Bradford, VT. As a Family Nurse Practitioner I have been trained to treat the whole family from infancy to the elderly. My passion lies within women and children's health. I am focused on teaching patients about maintaining a balance for optimal health as well as collaborating to develop a plan of care that focuses on the patients' values and goals in an atmosphere of respect and acceptance."



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A Willow Tree was planted at Bedell Bridge by previous members of the WHS National Honor Society. On Saturday, September 26 NHS members from the class of 2021 pruned the tree and cleaned up the edge of the woods. Image of some of the students cleaning up that day. From the left, Nye Adamkowski, Keatyn Horne, Morgan Wagstaff, Olivia Sarkis and Kaylynn Reagan.



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