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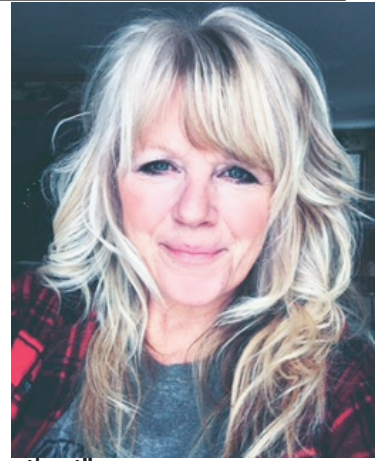
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PSYCH ME IN, PSYCH ME OUT

By Robert Roudebush



"I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that."

And the psychic's imagined response to me, "There's not much you or I can do about it. I'm psychic – I know what I know, and I can't help it." And in this fantasy talk, the psychic added with a kind smile, "As to your worry on what I know about you, don't ignore what is always present is my integrity, my discretion."

So, that talk did not happen with intuitive Shelly Drew, but what actually was said between us is remarkable in much of its

similarity. What follows are some of the questions and answers. This session was a journalist's interview, not a "reading".

Some quick context here. I have always believed there are folks who are intuitives, folks who just know things. There may be some small portion of intuitive ability in many of us, psychic Shelly tells me.

What is an intuitive? Could be defined as a psychological reader, one with special mental abilities, able to know what people are thinking – called telepa-

thy, or clairvoyance. Intuitives may have precognition, ability to view into the future, or retro-cognition, being able to see into the past. The sum of it all is being aware of things outside the sphere of physical science or knowledge, being sensitive to non-physical or supernatural influences. Paranormal. "The base of all matter is energy – intuition is the ability to perceive the finer information in energy." So says intuitive Shelly Drew.

It may be sometimes referred to as "woman's intuition", or men's "gut in-

stinct".

Various other descriptions may be assigned to psychics or intuitives – medium-ship, psychometry, empathy, remote viewing, each of them with their own definitions. Shelly Drew indicates that she is aware of and can participate to a degree with all of them.

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I've never knowingly interviewed a psychic before but I did for this feature. Before the interview took place, I'd invented a little possible dialogue of what might be said.

In my mind I said to the psychic, "I think you could know more about me than I want you to know."

And the psychic said to me, "Could be I do."

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WHEN DID YOU FIRST KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A PSYCHIC, OR INTUITIVE?

"I was a kid, maybe four or five years old. I saw a spirit or a ghost. I knew there was somebody with me. And I always felt safe, always. In my teen years, I had affirmations that I had gifts."

WAS IT COMFORTABLE?

"Yes, it always was and still is. I wasn't afraid. It was just natural. Mom and Dad were intuitive too. Mom used to say she knew I had an imaginary friend. She was a smart lady. She asked me a question once, I forget exactly what it was about, and she explained she had asked me that question because I needed to hear you answer it.' She was inviting me to know myself better, to understand myself."

PRIOR TO BEING AWARE OF HAVING THIS SKILL OR GIFT, OR ART, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF FOLKS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE WHATEVER IT IS?

"I like the word 'intuition'. I think of myself as an intuitive healer. It ran in my family. My aunts were intuitive too. And I was skeptical too until I had a direct experience."

WHAT IS A READING?
"It is looking into a person's life, through the energy or information. It's receiving images, feelings, knowledge that pertain to that person in a way that

guides, teaches, and heals them. Sometimes it's like God is poking you in the heart until you give the information to them."

YOU'RE ALSO ARE A REIKI MASTER?

"Yes, I have been initiated in the tradition since 2002. I had a healing practice in the area for 15 years. I continue to teach. I don't see one on one clients now. Reiki is a hands-on healing art. It's about allowing the the flow of light to move through you. It's all about healing work for me, weather I'm guiding, teaching or offering hands-on . It all comes from god as far as I'm concerned."

DO YOU SEE PICTURES?

"Yes, they're movies, and in full color."

DO YOU SENSE AROMAS?

"Not so much."

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"It's more like music, a word, sounds. I consider all of those platforms sacred territory, flowing from God, access to someone's spirit, soul, heart."

CAN BE READINGS BE DONE ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, IN PERSON?

"All of them. Energy is limitless."

LET'S TALK ABOUT PAYMENT FOR READINGS.

"Folks who do what I do are not looking to profit off others. What we do is not primarily for self-benefit. We all have to live,

to sustain ourselves. The exchange of money is the same kind of exchange of other kinds of energy to enable sharing. Native inhabitants of our land used to encourage the offering of tobacco to enable the sharing of the spirit. It's a kind of giving permission to share."

DO YOU KNOW THE QUESTIONS I'M GOING TO ASK?

(With hearty laughter) "No!"
DO INTUITIVES SOMETIMES COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER NON-VERBALLY?

"Non verbal communication happens all the time, even among folks who don't think of themselves as intuitive. When you might call someone, how many times have you heard 'Wow, I was just thinking of you'. And how often have you said that to someone else?"

HOW FRANK ARE YOU WITH YOUR CLIENTS?

"One hundred percent. But there must always be care and delicacy, I'm not there to intrude, but to enlighten, to guide. Be clear – unless you invite me to, I do not seek out the thoughts, feelings, pictures and when I get them, they are for you, just for you, not other folks."

HOW FRANK DO YOUR CLIENTS WANT YOU TO BE WITH THEM?

"They let you know – intuitives can be medically intuitive to a point. It is always made clear to my clients that my approach is healing, not harming. Your free will is always in charge."

NONE OF YOUR ABILITIES OR INTUITIONS CONFLICT WITH THE IDEA OF GOD?

"It is all God. The process is accessing the beautiful light tho the information can sometimes weigh me down. But the information was never mine. I'm here to pass it on."

Shelly is married to Don Drew, well-known to many Mountain Lakes residents as the highly respected, longtime facilities manager in that district. Together, they have built and run an inviting small store in Newbury on 302 which is chock-ful of well-thought out goodies known as the Three Bears Country Barn.



OBITUARY: Daniel Earl "Boone" or "Danny Boone" Sweet

Daniel Earl Sweet passed away on July 28th, 2024, in his hometown of Newbury, VT, at the young age of 22. Born on June 24th, 2002, in Woodsville, NH, he was the beloved son of Cameron and Rachel Sweet and the loving brother of Kyle Sweet.

Daniel, better known to his friends and family as "Boone" or "Danny Boone" was known for his infectious smile, kind heart, and his ability to always keep you on your toes. As a little boy you could find Daniel running through the house in his rubber boots and a smile plastered on his face.

He attended Newbury Elementary School where he proudly played basketball, soccer, and baseball as a Newbury Knight. Daniel loved playing sports; he went on to play varsity soccer and basketball at Oxbow High School where he graduated in 2020. Daniel was also an avid hunter. While he enjoyed every hunting season turkey was his favorite. Growing up with family nearby, hunting partners were in an abundance.

After high school, Daniel worked at Pike Industries for a year and then settled at Swenson Granite in Barre, VT where he has worked for the last two years. He loved hanging out with

his friends and taking his jeep up Tucker Mountain. He also had a knack for bringing animals home. His kind heart could always find room for a few more animals, like his pup Stella.

Daniel was predeceased by his maternal grandfather John Messenger, and his paternal grandfather Monty Sweet. He leaves behind a loving family: his parents Cameron and Rachel Sweet; his brother Kyle Sweet; his maternal grandmother Beth Messenger; his paternal grandparents Sharon and Stewart Sylvester; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

There will be calling hours Friday August 9, 2024, from 4pm-7pm at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville. A celebration of life will be held on August 10th at 12pm at the North Haverhill Fair Grounds.

Daniel's infectious smile and kind heart will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

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Consider the following:

Retirement accounts – If you've regularly contributed to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, you likely have accumulated substantial amounts of money in these accounts – but during your retirement, you'll need to start tapping into them. In fact, once you turn 73, you're required to start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, with the amount determined by your age and account balance. You could take out more than these amounts (technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs) but you can't take less without incurring penalties. Many people take out 4% of their balance each year, and this guideline may be reasonable, but everyone's situation is different. So, you'll need to weigh various factors including your age, health and other sources of income before deciding on an appropriate withdrawal rate.

Social Security – You can

start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your payments will be much higher if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be between 66 and 67. And your benefits will reach the maximum amount if you wait until 70 before collecting. So, your decision on when to take your benefits will depend on whether you can afford to wait, and for how long. In making this choice, you'll also need to consider your health and your family history of longevity. And if you're married, you may want to factor in spousal benefits when deciding when you should collect Social Security. A spouse can receive either their own benefit, based on their work record, or up to 50% of their spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if one spouse has a much higher benefit, it may make sense for that spouse to delay taking Social Security as long as possible so that both spouses can receive bigger payments.

Earned income – Even if you have retired from one career, it doesn't mean you can never receive any

Retirees must identify and manage income sources

earned income again. If you have specific skills that can translate to part-time work or a consulting arrangement, you might want to consider reentering the work force in this way. With the added income, you might be able to afford delaying Social Security, and you would still be eligible to contribute to an IRA.

Supplemental lifetime income – There aren't many guarantees in the financial and investment worlds – but one of them is the income from a fixed annuity, which can be structured to provide you with a lifetime income stream. Annuities aren't for everyone, however, and they do involve penalties for early withdrawals and lack of protection from inflation.

By learning all you can about your potential retirement income sources, and by understanding how to manage this income to your best advantage, you can help yourself achieve a comfortable – and more rewarding – retirement.

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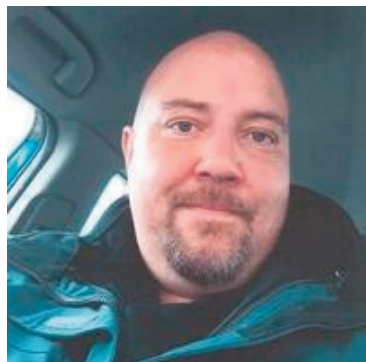
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OBITUARY: Dan Smotrycz,

Dan Smotrycz, 45, of Derry, NH, surrendered himself to the Lord on July 16, 2024. Dan was born on July 7, 1979, in New Britain, CT to Jerry Jay and Marilyn Mitchell Smotrycz of Berlin, CT. At age 4, his father passed away and Dan, his sister Suzi, and their mother spent the winter of 1984 in Lake Mary, FL. In June, they returned to NH (his mother's home base) and finally settled in Monroe, NH.

home in Medford, MA until the end of April 2024. He became licensed to practice in NH but had not found a job at the time of his passing.

Dan had a bearded dragon named Seraph, he was six years old and Dan's buddy, Dan enjoyed contemporary Christian music, making chain mail for armor, game playing, and growing vegetables. He was an accomplished cook and loved helping others.

Dan attended Monroe Elementary School and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1998. He received a nursing degree from Quincy College in MA. Over the years, Dan worked in drug rehabs and methadone treatment clinics in the Boston area.

He was predeceased by his father Jerry Jay Smotrycz, his stepfather Thomas E. Bedell, his Smotrycz grandparents, Mitchell grandparents, Aunt Rebecca Mitchell, Uncle Glenn Mitchell, Uncle Gerald Bedell, and several classmates.

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He was an active member of the Bridgeway Christian Church in Derry, NH.

Those who wish may make donations in memory of Dan Smotrycz to the Bridgeway Christian Church, 148 Rockingham Rd, Derry, NH 03038, or www.bridgewaychristianchurch.org/give or The Monroe Community Church, C/O Winston Currier, PO Box 125, Monroe, NH 03771.

There will be a gathering of Friends and Family on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 2-4 PM at the Monroe Town Hall. A graveside service will be at the Monroe Village Cemetery on Plains Road, Monroe, NH on Monday, August 26 at 10 AM.

The family is being assisted locally by Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville. To share memories and condolences with the family go to www.rickerfh.com

OBITUARY: Linda J Pickering



Linda J Pickering, 77, Benton, NH, died on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at home after a period of failing health. She was born in Providence RI, on February 14, 1947, to Harry and Pearl (Crowel) Sutcliffe. She graduated from Pawtucket High School with the class of 1964 and worked various jobs until finding work as a medical receptionist, a job she enjoyed until retirement.

his wife Tabettha of Texas, and David Chase and his wife Anglia of Fairfax, VA, three daughters, Kristie Chase of Lincoln, RI, Dawn Schaefer and her husband Peter of Sapello, NM, and Dena Fagnant and her husband Marc of North Smithfield, RI, two sisters, Judy Bouchard, of Exeter, RI, and Beth Gladowski, of Texas, twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Linda married Eric Pickering on August 15, 1986. They enjoyed traveling together in retirement and traveled all over Europe, the United States, and Canada. They moved permanently to their second home in Benton in 2007 from Rhode Island.

There will be a graveside service on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscowan, NH at 1 PM.

She is predeceased by her parents. Linda is survived by her husband of nearly 38 years, Eric Pickering, of Benton, two sons, Scott Chase and

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WYKR is also at White Mountain Motorsports Park this year!
July 13 & September 28*



***Buck deer near our home Pike NH
Thank you to all who came and donated to the NH Foster Children event.***

CnB Arts/Cyndi

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Foster Children of all ages experience good and bad. Majority of the time the bad wins. It still seems to be a confidential subject.

The smaller communities will come together once a year.

Like Santa Fund/Toys for Tots.

We really need to help out more often and get more knowledgeable of who can assist the children first. Including the Foster parents/family/adoption ones.

By having this Incredible support for the NH Foster Children Event. You were walking by vendors who care. See how they can help you. Even if it is to gain more knowledge or a refresher. Donations/volunteers are always welcome.

I had time this year to coordinate an important event. My Grandfather Aiken motivated me to do this more. I can't even imagine not having a Mom after you're born. He proved that life can turn out for the better. When he was an adult. These Foster Children can too.

Hope you enjoyed the entertainment, delicious food and talented crafters also.

Cyndi Wellman

AVOIDING THE ROCKS

Maggie Anderson

While Japan is reverberating from her latest earthquake, and Debby is busy destroying as much of Florida as she can, I have been enduring a beating from a different kind of storm.

I have been swallowed by waves of nostalgia, swept off course by currents that threaten to stop any forward movement, and caught up in riptides of anger that have occasionally taken me to places where I did not wish to stay.

Anger is one thing - especially righteous anger - but allowing it to consume days as beautiful as this one is not a wave I am prepared to ride.

The impact of the break in and its total destruction of our home, not to mention the disruption of our lives, is a punishment I would not wish on

anyone. Not even the vile pond scum who foisted it on us.

They will learn actions are never without consequences. These individuals will answer for the things they do to others. In this life or the next, payment will have to be made.

But right now I'm taking a break to share a few minutes of this glorious weather, and a cup of coffee with Hank before I have to plow back into the Welcome Matt that pond scum left in their wake.



Stanley 'Stan the Man' Pierce, age 88, of Groton, Vermont died peacefully in his home on Friday, July 26, 2024. He was born in his grandmother's living room in North Danville, Vermont on March 29, 1936, the youngest of three children to parents Raymond and Louise Pierce.

Stanley married Claire J. Roy in 1953 and subsequently enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954, where he was hand-selected as a candidate for the first special operations unit in the Air

Force, becoming one of the first commissioned Commandos. Over the course of the next 10 years of service, Stan and Claire travelled extensively with his various assignments which included tours in Vietnam, Korea, Bay of Pigs and innumerable covert operations. After leaving the Air Force in 1965 Stanley and Claire returned to Vermont and raised two children, Jeffrey and Jonathan Pierce.

He served on the St. Johnsbury Fire Department, worked as an appliance repairman with Nelson Brothers in Montpelier, Vermont, became a master electrician and worked in that profession for 35 years, during which he also worked as a salesman and subsequently co-owner of Barre Electric, then worked for Ames Electric in Newport, Vermont until his first retirement. Subsequently he spent

7 years as director of building maintenance for the State of Vermont. He started a home inspection company which he ran for several years. Stanley was truly a renaissance man - there was nothing he couldn't build, fix or repair. In addition, during those years he continued his military service, with the Army National Guard, finally retiring after a total of 27 years of service.

He was an avid life-long motorcycle enthusiast and spent years travelling extensively by motorcycle with Claire, his brother Mel and nephew Wayne and many others. He was an accomplished hunter and loved nothing more than spending time in the woods. In 2011 he was blessed to have found the second love of his life, and second wife Jeannie Denson with whom he was able to share his adventurous spirit for 13 very vibrant, active and loving years. She shared his passion for travel and adventure, and they travelled extensively throughout the United States by motorcycle, car and camper. They also took several cruises which he passionately enjoyed. Together they shared a love of square dancing, and summer get-aways to their camp on 25 acres of undeveloped land in the remote wilderness of northern Maine just outside Fort Kent.

Upon moving to Groton in 2011 he quickly became an active member of the community, re-wiring the

Community Center, and serving as a trustee of the Groton United Methodist Church to which he dedicated innumerable hours of service. He spent several years delivering Meals on Wheels to many community members weekly and often stopped to plow their driveway or shovel their walkways.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Claire, his sister, Shirley Pierce Cross and brother, Melville Pierce. He leaves behind his wife, Jeannie; two sons, Jeff, and Jon and his wife Amy; five grandchildren, Savannah, Cain, Emily, Grace, and Nick; two stepsons, Timothy, and Ben; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the Groton United Methodist Church located on the corner of Powder Spring Road and Scott Highway (US Route 302) on Saturday, August 3rd at 11 AM. Interment will be held privately at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in St. Johnsbury, VT. In the lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Groton United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Groton, VT 05046.

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Letters To The Editor:

"Attention All TDS Sufferers".
To the Editor,

I peruse several newspapers during the course of the week, and have to laugh when I see letters of hate and criticism, usually by the same few, directed at President Trump. I guess there is a lot to be said about severe cases of TDS, Trump Derangement Syndrome. These people are so obsessed with their hatred for President Trump, they are totally oblivious to the destruction the current administration has done to this country. What's even funnier, and quite ironic, is perhaps we should be blaming these Trump haters for the mess this country is in, since I suspect they helped put our current career politician in office in the first place. Finally, after 3 1/2 years of total incompetence, Biden was forced out by his own party, who threatened him with the 25th amendment behind closed doors if he didn't drop out on his own. But wait, it gets even funnier. Our current VP turned overnight Presidential candidate, who has accomplished absolutely nothing as VP, and in 2020 ended her embarrassing run for President having not one single delegate, not even from her home state, is now all of a sudden a media star. Why? What has changed? Nothing, absolutely nothing. It is still the Biden/Harris ad-

ministration. She has done major harm by having the tie breaking vote in the Senate that sent inflation skyrocketing. Don't you think voters should have a say in who they want to run for President? The way the elites forced out Biden and cherry picked Harris shouldn't be the process, but that is just another example of the Democrats in DC actually being the ones that are a threat to democracy. With them, inflation is still out of control, gas prices remain high, food prices are up 30%, rents have increased, mortgage rates are hovering around 7%, there is continued complete chaos on the southern border, they support defunding the police, have us involved in multiple wars and on the verge of WWII, and we are looked upon as a weak country by our enemies. Yet they criticize President Trump, with letters crippled with ignorance and hate, when all this has happened under the Biden/Harris administration. Remember when the Democrats in DC all cried that if Trump became President in 2016, gas prices would rise, crime would skyrocket, the stock market would stall and we'd be at war. None of that happened. Not until Biden slid into office. Biden campaigned as the unifier, but has been far from it, and is actually the most divisive

President in modern history. To him, half the country is MAGA Republicans, fascists, bigots and deplorable, if they don't agree with his far left radical policies, which are also Harris' policies. She has been Biden's co-pilot the entire ride, nothing has changed, nor will it change. This administration has failed the average American worker. And as usual, they now try to play the race card once again. They say if you don't vote for Harris, a woman of color, you're a racist! Race is not a factor. Failed policies are. This country easily survived four years of President Trump. I could care less if President Trump is a pompous, outspoken bully. His policies worked, and that is what matters to the average common sense American worker. Common sense is totally uncommon with our current administration. Get over your hatred TDS sufferers.

It's not healthy for you or our country. Under President Trump we were energy independent, the border was being secured, we were not involved in war and we enjoyed a robust economy. I for one would look forward to another 4 years of that same prosperity.

Jeffrey R. Delaney
No. Haverhill

Speaking Up For
The North Country
Dear North Country Neighbors, Take note of this July 19th NH Bulletin story:

TOXIC 'TRASH JUICE' A PROBLEM AT FOUR NEW HAMPSHIRE LANDFILLS, STATE REGULATORS SAY

<https://newhampshirebulletin.com/2024/07/19/toxic-trash-juice-a-problem-at-four-new-hampshire-landfills-state-regulators-say/?emci=d8ed04ae-4f45-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&emdi=ffe60212-be45-ef11-86c3-6045bdd9e096&ceid=150117>

This type of lazy corporate and regulatory mindset "we'll be concerned about it AFTER it becomes a problem", is why a rammed through landfill in Dalton or forced landfill expansion in Bethlehem is bad for the North Country.

If elected to Grafton 1 NH House of Representatives,

Timothy,

I probably should not do this, but I will assume that the reason you are seeking a different seat this year is that after the 2020 census the NH State Representative district lines were redrawn. This put you into a different district even though you did not move.

As with other candidates I will thank you for the information about yourself. I will also remind voters to learn about the candidates. Don't just read one or two articles about one or two issues. Do a little research of your own and make an informed decision come election day.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Jeffrey,

I will not disagree at all that there is plenty of disrespect and false statements from either side of the political aisle. It would be great if we could simply see all the facts and make up our own minds as to which way to vote. Of course there are plenty of opinions as to why something happened, or didn't happen. Was it a long term issue, or was it caused by something that just happened.? As much as I would like to think there is a simple solution to all of our problems, it is in fact much more complicated.

As always I urge everyone to listen to all sides and make an informed decision. But most of all, be sure to be registered to vote and let your voice be heard.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Adam W. Smith

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor,

Mr. Roudebush was partially correct in his letter to the editor (Harris Hurrah, July 30, 2024) when he stated it's a whole new ballgame. What he failed to clarify was that President Biden didn't withdraw, he was pushed out of running by the Democrat elites of his party (Nancy Pelosi and Barrack Obama to name a few). We now have the most radical, socialist, progressive team of Harris and Walz to ever run for the Presidency in the history of our country. We have a Presidential candidate who was appointed by coronation, disenfranchising 19 million Democrat voters who had cast their 2020 primary ballot for Biden. Harris dropped out of the primary race on December 3, 2019, never able to garner one delegate vote, without even making it to the Iowa caucuses.

Mr. Roudebush claims that people are crippled by their ignorance and hate, and they are satisfied to wallow in racist prejudice and sexual bias by their premediated stupidity. Those comments are the epidemic of the "pot calling the kettle black." His "holier than thou" broad brush accusations of people he has no knowledge of is reprehensible and disingenuous to say the least.

He claims that Vice-President Harris is articulate and intelligent. Apparently, he hasn't listened to her "word salads" when she is attempting to answer the simplest of questions, leaving us scratching our heads trying to understand what she just said. Let's step back and

look at a portion of her record when she was elected the attorney general of California in 2010. Harris campaigned against capital punishment, rejecting appeals from police groups, the family of a slain police officer, and state Democrat officials. Even Senator Diane Feinstein said the cop killer should have been charged with a capital crime. Harris made a habit of suing oil companies and expressed her opposition to fracking. She initially opposed DNA testing requested by lawyers for a convicted murderer who had been on death row since 1985, for which he claimed he did not commit. It was not until a New York Times article in 2018, highlighting police misconduct, that she did relent. She has publicly stated that not everyone starts at the same place, but everyone should end up at the same place. That my friends is pure Marxism.

She was given one major task by President Biden upon entering office. That task was to be "Border Czar." She has been to the border once in 3-1/2 years and the border continues to be out of control despite the Administration's continued lies that the border is closed. She has been an utter failure on that task. The open border continues to be one of the top concerns of the public. Mr. Roudebush claims that Vice President Harris was one half of the most successful, pragmatic, executive teams in recent history. Well, that certainly puts a new spin on the definition of successful and pragmatic. As of August 8,

2024, (Ballotpedia) 75% of the American public believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. Hmm, guess who's leading the country? So much for successful and pragmatic leadership.

As of this writing, Kamala Harris has not held a press conference since becoming the Democratic nominee 19 days ago. What is she scared of? Perhaps giving another "word salad" answer to a simple direct question. Donald Trump has held many news conferences during this time, most in unfriendly venues. His last session, lasted over an hour, while taking on all kinds of unfiltered questions.

JP Watson was absolutely correct in his letter to the editor (July 30, 2024) when he suggested that people would educate themselves enormously if they watched fair and balanced Fox News. I might add Newsmax to that suggestion. Editor Gary Scruton continues to suggest getting your news from multiple sources. Which ones would he suggest: CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS, NBC? I have watched all of those and they all have a definite bias against conservatism and have been covering for President Biden since he first took office.

Harris and Walz are the most radical candidates ever to run for President and Vice-President in the history of this country. Yes, it could be a very scary ending to the "ballgame" if Harris and Walz were to ever occupy the Whitehouse.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

one side of any issue, you will not see the full picture. Looking at anything from a different perspective is a proven way to better understand that issue.

Whatever the outcome of the upcoming elections, I trust there will be an orderly transition. However, I will be holding my breathe.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Robert,

I will stand by my suggestion that voters watch a number of networks to get information. You believe that the networks you listed all favor the Democrats, but I might add that most people believe that FOX favors the Republicans. (I will admit to not watching Newsmax). I will again say that if you only look at



OBITUARY: Elizabeth Ann (Moon) Pierson'

North Haverhill, NH – Elizabeth Ann (Moon) Pierson, 86, passed away on July 26, 2024 at Grafton County Nursing Home with her family by her side.

She was born on December 13, 1937, in Phenix City, Alabama to Charles and Sarah (Crenshaw) Moon. She graduated from Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport, Florida in 1955 and then married Norman Pierson on September 30, 1955, later divorcing in 1984.

In 1962, Norm and Liz moved from Florida to Woodsville to raise their family.

Liz worked at Hovey's Shops in Woodsville, co-owned Carpet Fashions, and then retired from Grafton County Registry of Deeds with twenty years of service.

Liz enjoyed family time, cooking, caring for her great granddaughters, sitting on her porch, bird watching, tending to her flower gardens, listening to Celtic music, and vacationing with her daughters and their families.

Liz will always be remembered for her beautiful smile.

Liz was predeceased by her parents Charles and Sarah, a grandson, Brant Kithcart, her sister Jean Foster and Norman Pierson.

She is survived by her daughters; Sarah Denise Kithcart and husband Larry of Galeton,

CO, Leslie Lackie and husband David of North Haverhill, NH and Christina Ianno and husband Nicholas of Landaff, NH, grandchildren; Michael Kithcart of Longmont, CO, Eric Kithcart and Kate of Greeley, Co, Amy Crocker and Todd of North Haverhill, NH, Jennifer Barkley and James of Lebanon, NH, Maria Curtis and Patrick of Foxborough, MA, great grandchildren, Tyler and Rylynn Kithcart, Abigail and Morgan Crocker, Aiden and Ayla Barkley and Nicholas and Jack Curtis, her sister Jane Fuller of MD, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Grafton County Nursing Home for the compassionate care given to Liz.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Grafton County Nursing Home Association, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774 or the Alzheimer's Association.

There will be a Calling Hour on Saturday August 10, 2024, from 3-4 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements

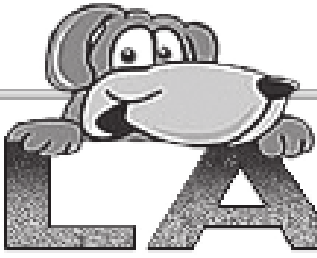
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Letters To The Editor:

"RACHEL B. AND
ROBERT R., TWO
WRITERS OF NOTE"

To The Editor

I was delighted recently when someone wrote a letter to the editor in this publication connecting my name with that of Rachel Booth.

The letter writer was trying to run us down but only succeeded in complimenting me by placing my name with such intelligent company. Thank you!

I don't know for sure who wrote that letter - in most cases of such published letters, typically, the name and location of the writer are furnished, but I did not see any of that in the TRENDY TIMES I read. The only reference I have is the form of address Editor Gary Scruton used in his reply, "J D".

In J D's letter - vol 15, number 21, July 30, 2024 - my full name was not used - Robert Roudebush of Haverhill, nor was Rachel's - she is Rachel Booth of Landaff. J D called us Rachel B, and Robert R. Think I get the reference J D.

And who am I? Not much in terms of wealth or fame. I have no wealth at all, and only a tiny bit of local recognition. I'm a former multi-term Selectman of the town of Haverhill, a former multi-term Commissioner of the district of Mountain Lakes. I'm a former participant in lots of activities in that district and proud of it.

And I write letters to lots of editors in various newspapers.

And who is Rachel? Many things, much more accomplished than I. She is running for one of two seats in the New Hampshire House -

Robert,

Let me start by correcting our error in the July 30 edition of Trendy Times. As you point out we missed listing JD's name and address. It was not done intentionally, but rather it was accidentally cut off the end of the article. The article should have ended with "Sincerely, J.D. Martell, Littleton, NH" as it was submitted.

In regards to your notoriety, I know you, and that should be enough. (LOL). But really, do the past accomplishments of a person make them better? Isn't everyone entitled to an opinion? And shouldn't all those opinions be, at the very least, acknowledged, whether or not they are agreed to.

Gary Scruton, Editor

that's Grafton County District 5 - the towns of Landaff, Haverhill, Benton, Piermont and Warren.

She is well-known for writing perceptive LTE, in this publication and others. She's upfront about how she fact-checks her views. She carefully chooses her words to clearly get her point across.

In other words, she is intelligent, informed and articulate. That's the kind of writer I like to read.

Rachel is also a Navy veteran, linguist, multi-book author, and computer scientist, with a background of working with people of differing cultures and opinions. And she is also a teacher, musician, and a strong advocate of women's reproductive rights. She is NOT in favor of children's education being censored by wrong-headed extremists. And I dig all that.

Rachel wants to make certain that in this great country of ours there continues to be a separation between church and state, just as our founders wanted it to be. Yep, me too.

And I would state that view another way - I don't want a preacher telling me how to vote, and I don't want a politician telling me how to pray.

Do I have any unasked for advice for J D? You bet. Do not assume what my political opinions are, nor those of anyone else. You'd best recall what many folks say about the word "ASS-U-ME". If you don't get the reference, look it up. It applies here to you.

Robert Roudebush
Haverhill, NH

Setting the record straight To the Editor,

I rarely respond directly to op-eds, but the one written by JD in the July 30th issue of the Trendy Times mentioned me by name and implied that I am the very definition of the distorted views he's so gleefully force-fed by Fox "News".

JD, I want you to know that your myopic opinions about the world, our country, and Democrats in general are part of the very reason we have the horrible divisions we see today. I also want you to know that I personally follow the news from all sources, foreign and domestic, except those that are proven propaganda machines. There is just no reason to watch disinformation shows like Fox "News" and their ultra-right-wing copy-cats. And I don't want to hear opinion-only shows on MSNBC and other mainstream outlets. I make my own opinions based on what I see and hear from multiple sources, not what someone like Fox tells me I should believe.

Think about this: Fairleigh-Dickinson University once offered a quiz to people that showed that

those who only got their news from Fox knew less about what was actually going on in the world than those who only watched "The Daily Show", a comedy show on daily events. If you only watch Fox, those distorted visions are all that fill your mind. And the saddest thing about it is that you don't even know it.

I am only going to address a few of your more egregious opinions for the sake of brevity.

1. Democrats don't believe in the thing you call a "woke" agenda or what you think "critical race theory" is. We believe in teaching our children (only when age-appropriate) about our real society in 2024, and other sexualities and problems between the races existed and still exist today.

2. We believe that in a perfect world, abortion would be unnecessary. But it is a necessity now. We also know that the term "after birth abortion" is just a scare tactic from anti-choice people and not a reality at all. And your Republican cohorts believe in restricting abortion after 6 weeks - before most women even know they're pregnant - not 6

months as you claimed.

3. Democrats know that immigrants coming into our country are not murderers, child molesters, thieves, etc. as you repeat from what you're constantly told, but just people fleeing crippling poverty and unimaginable terror to find a better life here in the most welcoming and prosperous country on earth, just as the ancestors of most people in this country did in their time.

4. We also believe the convicted felon and sex-offender Donald Trump when he says he will be a "dictator on day one" and that once he's elected, no one will have to worry about voting again because "he will fix that whole thing". I have never heard a more frightening thing in my life - and I'm a Vietnam veteran.

JD, please look around at other news outlets and talk to people who don't believe as you do so you can open your eyes and expand your mind. We will gladly welcome you into the real world with open arms.

Rachael Booth
Landaff, NH

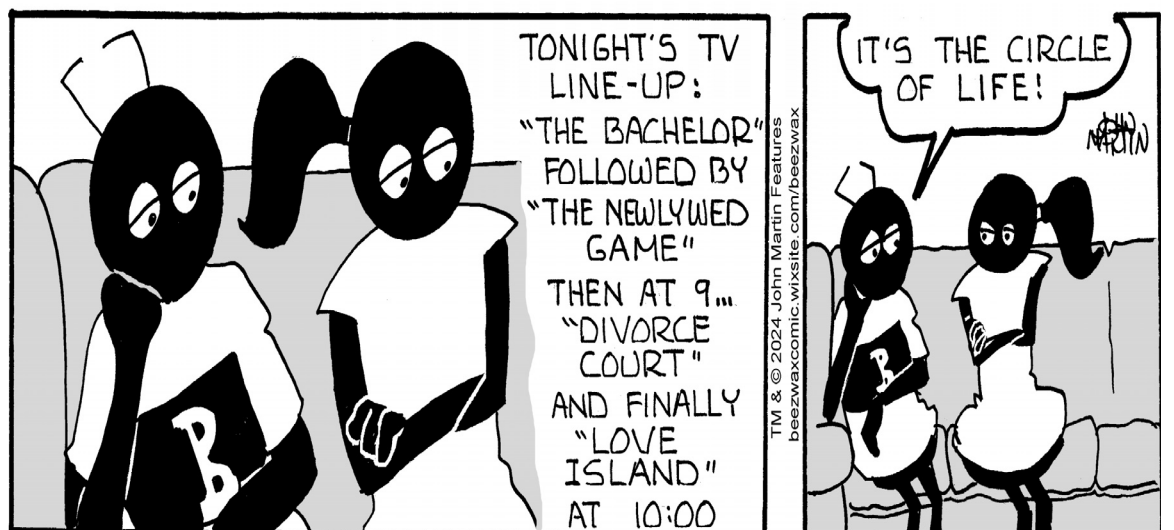
Rachael,

I agree with many of the points your made here but must offer a slight different opinion on one item. Like you I do not wish to be force fed an opinion. However, I am willing, and sometimes do, watch opinion based shows, knowing that is what I am watching. After all we all are entitled to our opinion. However I want to create my own opinion from the facts I gather. Of course it is often difficult to know what is fact and what is opaion, unless you take in information from multiple sources.

It is indeed a strange world we currently live in. I still place my trust in the American people to do the right thing come election time.

Gary Scruton, Editor

BEEZWAX By John Martin



Letters To The Editor:

Who are the real taxpayers of Grafton County?

To the Editor,

In announcing his candidacy for Grafton County Commissioner, District 2, Nick De Mayo of Sugar Hill, said that "representing the towns of Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orford, Piermont, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Waterville Valley, and Woodstock would be a throwback to the 'Ray Burton days' of honorable and dedicated service to the people of Grafton County. Certain County leaders don't appear mindful of the fact that residents are already reeling from the devastating effects inflation continues to have on their income and their ability to pay for essentials such as fuel, groceries, healthcare, vehicles, and housing, just to mention a few. Today, people are still paying more than twice what they paid for a dozen of chicken eggs just a few years ago – or doing without."

"This type of 'leadership' is anathema to me," indicating that "all elected members of a unit of government possessing taxing authority are stewards of the public's trust. Judicious and competent allocation of funds is essential to provide for needed services. Proposed tax increases as

well as necessary cuts must always be figured into the equation with respect to the economic realities of the residents and taxpayers of Grafton County, District 2."

De Mayo posed this question to a recent gathering, "Who are the taxpayers of Grafton County?" Teleworking, affluent, young stock-market traders or business people? A few of them, for sure. Rich retirees who've relocated here with financial means disproportionate to those long-term citizens of the county? There are a number of people like this, also. They marvel at living in this county where everything is such a "bargain" compared to places like Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, Hartford, Providence, Cambridge, Medford, etc. But, no, they are still a tiny minority. Most Grafton County taxpayers are good, hard-working people of limited means. They are parents now, just scraping by to provide for their families. They are senior citizens now, skipping meals on fixed budgets or forced to be out working for low wages. They are disillusioned young people trying to start a life without a prospect to purchase a home or property. They are exhausted family members, including elderly spouses, struggling as care-givers

for elderly loved ones or other members dealing with chronic illness or other health-related afflictions. This is really who the taxpayers of Grafton County are!! Not the Elitists living off the unending taxpayer-funded-money associated with federal grants and tuition money sent by out-of-state parents to an Ivy League institution. Today's inflation is breaking their backs!"

In the words of one of the County Commission members stated at the July 9, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting, the following statement was made, "One thing we do well here, is spend money!"

At the July 30th Commissioners' Meeting, it was noted that prospects for a courthouse design firm to build a new, proposed \$33 million courthouse to replace our 52-year-old structure are being pursued with anticipated public hearings to be held within 9 to 12 months.

"We must stand up, and speak out to keep taxes low." Join me.

What have you got to lose by electing me?...but higher taxes!

Nick De Mayo, Sugar Hill, NH

Grafton County Commissioner Candidate, District 2

To The Editor:

Through Ms. Booth's regular LTE contributions to local newspapers and due to my having enjoyed 2 of her books, I have long been impressed by the woman's clear mindedness, courage, eloquence and just plain common sense - a trait that appears to be seriously lacking among certain segments of our citizenry and the vast array of political wannabes.

Trendy Times readers - kindly refer to the 7/30/24 issue, Pg. 12, LTE titled "Education and Indoctrination." The "dumbing down" of American students (and adults), as well as the planned end game with respect to all of this is the stuff of nightmares and poses a very real threat to the survival of democracy as we now know it.

Remember back in the day when our teachers assigned a summer reading list? Well, in the interest of raising overall

awareness, I submit the following two books for consideration: 1.) "Jesus and John Wayne", by Kristin Kobes Du Mez, Liveright Publishing Corp., 2020 and 2.) "A User's Guide to Democracy", by Nick Capodice & Hannah McCarthy, Celadon Books, 2020.

The clock is ticking, Folks! There's no wiggle room for those who might wish to act at their leisure and "think about it tomorrow"; i.e., devotees of the Scarlett O'Hara school of thought.

In closing, please turn to Pg. 15 of the Trendy Times and read Ms. Booth's Notice of Candidacy for the NH House of Representatives, District 5. She is civic minded, educated, a military veteran and plainspoken - a person worthy of your vote in the upcoming election.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Chase Betten-court
Littleton, NH

Roberta,

I do my best in these responses to stay "on the fence" or "in the middle of the road" when it comes to politics and especially politicians. From that standpoint I hope to be able to see both sides and try to offer an additional viewpoint when possible.

I will say this about educating our students of today (and by the way, we should all, always be students) they should not be fed a point of view from an instructor unless other points of view are also offered. What has happened in our past, happened. It does not go away because we ignore it. But that does not mean we need to embrace everything that happened, but simply acknowledge it.

When it comes to the upcoming election, again I will say, be informed, and exercise your right to vote. Every vote does indeed count.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Nick,

Just for information sake let me point out that in New Hampshire, the voters have no direct input on the county budget. Each county, including Grafton, has an elected Board of Commissioners. there are three seats in Grafton. There is also an executive committee that is made up of all of the NH State Representatives from the towns that make up Grafton County. They are the ones who vote on the budget that is proposed by the Commis-

sioners.

Therefore, not only do our state reps vote on, and control our state budget, but they also determine our county budget. This makes our job as voters even more important in choosing the right people to sit in all of those positions.

So please be informed before the primaries, and the general election in November. Then go to the polls and let your voice be heard.

Gary Scruton, Editor



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OBITUARY: Hattie (Rabtoy) Thresher,

Peacham, VT – Hattie (Rabtoy) Thresher, 79, passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with her loving family by her side on Friday, August 2, 2024. She was born to Carrie (Richardson) and Hollis Rabtoy on September 2, 1944, in Northfield, VT.

Hattie grew up in Massachusetts, graduating from Hardwick Highschool in Gilbertville, MA, class of 1963. She married Allen Thresher on June 29, 1963, at the Gilbertville Congregational Church. Hattie and Allen had four children, Allen Jr., Hollis, Carrie and Lisa. Early on in the marriage they built on the corner of the Thresher farm in Peacham, VT, where they lived for 60 years. In addition to raising their children, Hattie worked at as a lacer for Henschel Shoes and then later worked in the craft shop of Ames.

She loved travelling with Allen, and over the years made it to 49 states. Alaska was a favorite destination, and they drove there four times! Hattie also enjoyed cooking, crocheting, knitting and scrapbooking, she was also fond of watching games shows.

Hattie had a big heart. Her home always had an open door for anyone in need of comfort or a safe place to sleep. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren always got a special delivery letter from the Santa Claus house in the North Pole along with a special ornament.

She was a member of the Peacham Congregational Church.

Hattie was predeceased by her daughter Carrie Thresher on November 14, 2001; her parents, Carrie and Hollis Rabtoy; and two sisters, Ethel Rabtoy and Rose-

marie Dawley.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of 61 years, Allen Thresher, Sr.; her sons, Allen C. Thresher, Jr. and wife Debra of Peacham, and Hollis A. Thresher and wife Angela Broome of Lyndonville, VT; her daughter, Lisa T. Johnson and husband Karl of Edgewater, FL; her grandchildren, Wendy Johnson and partner David, Tiffany Johnson and partner Ryan Littel, Michael Johnson and wife Hannah Cornell, David Hart, and Erica Hart; her great grandchildren, Brookelyn, Chase, Remick, Grayson, Griffin, Weston, Everly, Kellen, Zayne, Dylan and Oliver; and her brother, Norman Rabtoy and wife Sharon of Hydepark, VT.

There will be calling hours on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 10:30 - 11:30 AM at Ricker Funeral Home in Woodsville, NH; a funeral service will follow at 11:30 with Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Potter officiating, concluded with committal at the Peacham Village Cemetery.

To offer the family an online condolence for Hattie, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.



OBITUARY: Dorothy Louise (Williams) Davidson,

husband, Jim in 1995; sisters Hazel (Kendall) Pearl in 2014 and brothers-in-law Ernest Kendall in 1970 and Russell Pearl in 2021, and Sylvia "PeeWee" Patten in 2020 and brother-in-law Parke "Jim" Patten in 1989; and a brother Richard Williams in 2019. She is survived by two daughters Barbara Marshall and husband Michael of Haverhill, NH, and Deborah Davidson of North Haverhill, NH; two sons, Michael Davidson and wife Jessie of Barnet, VT; and James Davidson of Marco Island, FL; her grandchildren Andrew Davidson and wife Michelle of Barnet, VT, Riley Rutchick and husband Matthew of Barnet, VT, Elizabeth Marshall and husband Nicholas Balch of North Haverhill, NH, and Joseph Marshall and wife

Torie of Newbury, VT; and her great-grandchildren Devin Davidson, Ethan Davidson, and Brooklyn Rutchick, all of Barnet, and Jane Marshall of Newbury. She is also survived by a sister-in-law Grace Williams of Orange, MA, several nieces and nephews, and many special friends.

Per Dottie's request, there will be no calling hours. A private graveside committal will be held at the convenience of the family.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements

North Haverhill, NH—Dorothy Louise (Williams) Davidson, 94, passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at her home where she resided since 1958. She was born in Lyman, NH to Carl Lee Williams and Ethel Mae (Gravett) Williams on July 20, 1930.

She graduated in 1948 from McIndoe Falls Academy. She married James Mills Davidson on December 6, 1951. Dottie worked at First National Stores in North Haverhill prior to the birth of their first child and then stayed at home raising four children. After her children were grown up, she worked part-time for a few years at Country Gas in Haverhill, NH, and Joanie's Sweater Outlet in Woodsville, NH.

Dottie was a member of the Wells River Congregational Church. She taught Sunday School and was an active member of the Women's Fellowship where she helped with bake sales and fall fair fundraisers. She was a member of the Woodsville Bowling League for a little over fifty years where she made several friends, a few of whom have kept in touch right up until her death.

Dottie is predeceased by her parents, Carl in 1973 and Ethel in 2001;

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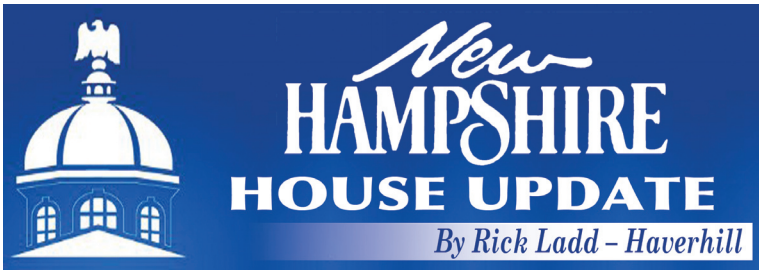
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Rep Ladd Legislative Report My Student...Choices

Your child is eight or nine years old just once, and as a parent, you want the best education possible? That question is driving school choice. For your child, the best learning fit may be public school, private school, homeschooling or an alternative learning environment such as the Education Freedom Account Program. It's not that one program is better than the other, but a decision based upon: a child's learning style, academic needs, behavior, family beliefs, or perhaps family scheduling such as proximity to where parents work.

Charter public school enrollment has increased 30% in the last five years. Beginning this fall, it is projected that slightly more than 5,000 children will be taking advantage of the Education Freedom Account Program (EFA).

istered by the Children's Scholarship Fund. Families below 350% of the federal poverty income level are eligible for an average EFA grant of \$5,255. To receive such a grant, the student cannot be enrolled in a public school, and grant funds may only be used to purchase supplies or services from an approved education provider.

In accordance with NH statute, all participants in the EFA program must annually complete a standardized nationally normed test such as the California Achievement Test or the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, complete an annual portfolio to be assessed by a certified teacher, or go to the local public school and take the statewide assessment. As in the public school system, students in grades K- 2, do not take the statewide assessment. Academic achievement and growth are determined by a certified teacher.

It's alarming that the statewide proficiency average of 8th grade math students is 35%. Parents may ask, "Could my student have a better opportunity to achieve in an alternative education environment?" The EFA program was signed into law three years ago, and it has become a viable education option for approximately 3% of New Hampshire's 165,000 K-12 student population. This alternative choice program is available to students and parents through the NH Children's Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,
NH Rep Rick Ladd
Benton, Haverhill, Landaff, Piermont, Warren

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Coconut Lemon Bars



Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm doing good but these days of high humidity are really getting to me. I have a small window air conditioner and that really saved me. Now it's nice out but we are expecting remnants of Hurricane Debby. Heavy rain is on the way and I pray that we don't have any more roads washed away.

My son Nick and my 3 grandchildren are supposed to be visiting me this weekend but with the uncertain weather he's going to wait and see. If not this weekend it'll be next weekend and I'm tickled pink to see them.

Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. After reading all the different versions of this recipe they all mentioned that this recipe originated in the Neiman Marcus bakery. It's easy peasy and oh so "Delicioso"!

- Ingredients**
- 1 box of lemon cake mix (I used Duncan Hines)
 - 4 large eggs divided 2&2
 - 1 stick of butter melted

4 cups of powdered sugar
8 oz cream cheese softened

2 cups of sweetened flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 baking dish. In a large bowl combine cake mix, 2 eggs and melted butter. Mix well then spread in bottom of greased pan. In a second bowl beat the other 2 eggs, softened cream cheese and 4 cups of powdered sugar. Beat with electric mixer until all combined then mix in the coconut. Spread over cake mixture. Bake for 35-40 minutes until edges are slightly browned and set in middle. The center may be a little bit wobbly but that's okay it will firm up when cooled. Cool then refrigerate for a couple of hours. That's it, you are done and have made a great dessert that your

family will love and they will say that you are a star! It makes quite a few and you can cut them into any size you want. Share some with your friends and neighbors. Serve with coffee, tea or milk.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Give it a try and enjoy.

I had a request for a recipe using rhubarb and believe me I tried to find some with no luck it seems it is already past rhubarb season. I have a great recipe I have found and will make it as soon as my rhubarb grows in the spring. So sorry. If you have any questions please contact April and I will help you out. Stay safe and healthy my friends and until next time I am signing off.

Sincerely,
Cin Pin

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