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## Local Turns Grief Into Geat Album!!!

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countries of Morocco, Spain,

Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Egypt, experiencing all the great wonders, from camel rides in the Sahara to the great pyramids and anything on any bucket list. He then returned to build a home studio in Bradford, got great players

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# TRENDY Dining Guide

## Tuttles Family Diner

By : April Dyke

Well I am back again with a trendy dining guide review. The last few weeks for me have been a doozy. To say the least. But I know I needed to get one done. So I decided to stay close to home. I dragged Anthony with me for some breakfast. We decided on Tuttles. We got there around 10am. Wasn't too busy at that point which I was happy about. We decided to sit at the counter which I enjoy doing, so you can see the food being prepared. We were greeted immediately and asked what we wanted for drinks. I chose a coke and Anthony got a water. After getting a menu we both decided on what we wanted. He chose an om-

lette with sausage, mushroom and american cheese and I chose a sausage, bacon, mushroom and onion omelette with cheddar cheese. Which came with toast, he went with white and I went with sourdough. We both got homefries and I chose them with cheese and onions and a side of sausage gravy. Didn't take long at all for it to come out. It was delicious. He finished his I couldn't eat much of mine. So I took the rest of it home for both lunch and breakfast the next day. I would tell you the cost but it was not even given to me by the wonderful waitress. FYI this was done deliberately due to my recent loss. The

Tuttles have always been very good family friends of mine. I sooo appreciate their kindness. They are such a wonderful family diner. Who truly care about their customers and friends. It's been sooo nice to see the love and support I have received through this very hard time. I also have to say that I have had both Jamie Lynn's and The Hungry Bear deliver food to my house so they knew I would eat. I can't thank this community enough. TIL next issue. I hope everyone has an amazing next two weeks.

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# OBITUARY:

## Kodi Gunnar Dyke

AKA  
"Boss, Bug, Dyke"

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Kodi Gunnar Dyke, a bright and compassionate individual, who left us too soon. Kodi was born August 15, 2000 to the parents of Jason R. Dyke and April Scruton Dyke. Kodi had an enormous heart and a profound desire to bring happiness to those around him. His kindness and genuine spirit touched the lives of everyone he encountered, and he had a unique ability to make even the darkest days a little brighter.

Kodi was a beloved son and friend, known for his infectious laughter and unwavering support. He always sought to uplift others, believing that ev-

eryone deserved to feel joy and love. His passion for life and his dreams of making the world a better place will be forever cherished by all who knew him.

Kodi attended Piermont Village School for his primary school years, after moving on to Oxbow High School and took Mechanics at Riverbend Career and Technical Center. During school he played many sports but found his passion in golf.

Kodi was raised by a village and we are thankful for those who were a part of his life.

Kodi is survived by his parents, April and Jason, Grandparents, Joy Jean Dyke, Alan Dyke, Marsha Scruton, Gary and Janice

Scruton, his dogs, Duke and Wayne. His best friends, Christopher Underhill, Isaiah Shumway(Zay), Noah Cassidy, Austin Cassidy and many more.

In honor of Kodi's memory, we encourage everyone to reach out to loved ones, offer support, and remember the importance of mental health. He may be gone, but his spirit of kindness and positivity will continue to inspire us all.

A memorial service will be held on November 2, 2024 at 5:00pm, at the Clifford Building in Woodsville, NH, where we will celebrate Kodi's life and the joy he brought to us.

Rest in peace, dear Kodi. Your light will never be forgotten.



# OBITUARY:

## Susan Jean Minard,

East Ryegate, VT – Susan Jean Minard, 70, passed away peacefully with family by her side, on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born on January 27, 1954, to Anita (Dufraine) and Clifford Minard in Lebanon, NH.

Susan's greatest accomplishment was her family. Her family was her world, especially her grandchildren. She loved to help people in any way she could. She opened her home to many people in need. On Monday and Friday nights she could be found sitting in her recliner watching wrestling. A few years ago, on Wednesday nights, she would be found at the bingo hall setting up all

her trinkets and good luck charms. If there were penny sales, yard sales, or free stuff beside the road she would be there. Susan's sense of humor was one of a kind. Playing practical jokes, dancing, looking at the ocean, and collecting Native American items were favorite past times. In her younger years she was a master cake maker, crocheter, quilter, baker and watcher of scary movies. Especially Rumpelstiltskin and Night of the Comet. Susan and all her attributes will be greatly missed by so many.

She is survived by her children; Michael Gusha and his wife Lisa Doan, Christina Jackson, and Amy Minard-Loiselle and her husband David J. Loiselle, Sasha Emerson and her husband Paul, and Antwyne Denny.; her grandchildren, Leigha and husband Dylan, Natasha, Samuel, Terrance, Sa-

vannah, Ty-Lynn, Gabriella, Abigail, Schala, Daisy and Damiyeon; her great-grandchildren, Josiah, Janiyah, Jakiyah and Jedidiah; her siblings, Richard Spaulding and Barbra Bouchard; as well as three nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Francis Minard; her grandson Brandon McKinstry; her parents Anita and Clifford Minard, Sr.; her brother, Clifford Minard, Jr.; two nephews, and one great niece.

On behalf of Susan's family, we would like to thank those who were part of Mom's life.

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



# OBITUARY:

## Tawni Lyn Robinson,

were charities close to her heart. She didn't have much but was always putting children first.

Tawni was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Jerry & Winona Blood Underwood & her paternal grandparents Willis & Jean Clukey Robinson.

She is survived by her parents David & Eva Robinson of Davenport FL (formerly Clinton CT); her brother, Jason Robinson of CT; several well loved nieces & nephews; aunts Dora, Marsha, Zabrina, Cindy & Sue and uncles Mark, Chris & Lynn along with 15 cousins; and most importantly her first love, her Shih Tzu/Bichon furbaby, Disney. He enriched her life with love & devotion for 11 years. He misses her deeply.

Donations to any children's charities like the ones stated above would honor Tawni's memory.

Tawni Robinson of Winter Haven FL passed away on September 24, 2024 of metastatic breast cancer at the age of 48. She was born September 5, 1976 at 3:28pm in Meriden CT. Her mom always had to call her at 3:28 pm on her birthday. Tawni grew up in Clinton where she graduated from the Morgan School.

After trying her hand at a few different jobs, she found her place at HomeGoods where she worked for 11 years between Old Saybrook CT & Ocala FL. She missed her "girls" & talked about them often. Legoland was her last place of employment.

Tawni enjoyed everything Disney, scrapbooking, geocaching & thrift store or yard sale shopping. Donating to Angel Trees or Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child



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If you're a parent, you want to do everything you can to help your children succeed in life. Therefore, you might think that one of the best things you can do is to save for your children's college education. And this is certainly admirable, but could it conflict with your ability to prepare for another key goal — your own retirement?

Of course, this would not be a problem if you had unlimited means, but most of us don't fall into that category. So, given the financial resources and income you do have, how should you approach the college-versus-retirement issue?

Fortunately, it's not necessarily an "either-or" scenario. However, it may make sense to prioritize saving for retirement over college, for two reasons.

First, your children have a lot more time to pay for college than you

have to save for retirement. In addition to any grants or scholarships your children may receive, they might need to take out loans. While it's a good idea to keep this debt load as manageable as possible, it's also true that most student loans can be repaid over a long period of time.

And here's the second point: One of the best gifts you can give your children is to be self-sufficient in your retirement. You could easily spend two, or even three, decades as a retiree, so you will need to build considerable financial resources to pay for all those years. Your adult children will have their own financial needs to address, so you'll be doing them a great favor by relieving them of any financial responsibilities on your behalf.

Taking these factors into account, you may want to direct most of your saving and investing efforts toward achieving a comfortable retirement. Consequently, think about putting away as much as you can afford into your

# Saving for college? Or retirement?

IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Even with this focus on retirement, though, you may find opportunities to save and invest for your children's education. For example, if you receive bonuses or income tax refunds, or your salary goes up, or you're able to free up money from your budget by reducing your debts, you could use these funds to invest in an education savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, and computers. Depending on where you live, you may also get some state tax benefits from your 529 plan. And a 529 plan isn't just for college — it can be used for K-12 private school tuition costs, plus expenses from qualified apprenticeship programs, such as those found at trade schools eligible for Title IV federal student aid.

It might not be easy to save and invest consistently for your retirement and your children's education. But both goals are worthy — after all, retirement can last a long time and college is expensive. So, try to develop a financial strategy that can allow you to make progress in both areas — your efforts may well be rewarded.

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**OBITUARY:  
Gail Harriet  
(Sanborn)  
Peters,**

Gail Harriet (Sanborn) Peters, 81, passed away peacefully at home in Landaff, NH on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024. She was born to Richard and Cora (Blake) Sanborn on August 20th, 1943, in Lyme, NH.

She grew up in West Rumney, NH with three siblings Tom, Dan, and Troy. She married Errol Peters on April 6th, 1963, at the Wentworth Congregational Church, and had four children. She was a homemaker for most of her life. She cooked for Lovetts Inn for several years, after her children graduated, and before she again stayed at home to care for her grandchildren.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and gardening, to name a few hobbies. She was passionate about painting, creating several works that she displayed at her home and shared with friends and family. She led a 4H club in Landaff, NH for many years, during which time she shared her love of these hobbies with many local children who could often be found at her house working on projects for the fair. Through her late 70s, there was never a Christmas or

birthday when a child or grandchild did not receive something homemade. Errol would be just as surprised as the recipient.

She is predeceased by her parents, Richard and Cora. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Errol Peters, as well as her children and their spouses, Ben and Melissa Peters, Jenn and Thad Adams, Bo Peters, Francie Kinney, eight grandchildren and one great grandson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville, NH on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency <https://northcountryhomehealth-hospice.org/donate/> or 536 Cottage Street Littleton NH 03561) who supported our family this last year.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

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Morrisville, VT – Ruth Chiaka Iheme, nee Chukwueze, 67, passed away with her daughter by her side listening to a favorite hymn, on Friday, October 4, 2024. She was born on September 7th, 1957, in Port-Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, to the late Pa Jeremiah Ignatius Chukwueze, who was a minister of God's Kingdom Society, and the late Madam Patience Oduenyi Chukwueze of Umualumaku Uzoagba in Imo State, Nigeria. She was the sixth child in a family of three sons and seven daughters.

Ruth went to Orerokpe Grammar School, Orerokpe in Delta State, and was the head prefect of the school. She joined the Nigerian Customs Service in 1975 and served for thirty-two years and retired as the Deputy Superintendent of Customs in 2007.

She was married to the late Franklin Obinna Iheme, and the union was blessed with two children: Charles

**OBITUARY:  
Ruth Chiaka Iheme, nee  
Chukwueze,**

Ogbonna Iheme and Edith Oluchi Smith.

Ruth relocated to the United States of America to be with her daughter Edith and son-in-law Joshua Smith and three grandchildren: Elizabeth, Jordan, and Ignatius Smith. She was blessed and loved her in-laws, Pamela and Brent Smith, and the entire Smith family.

She was full of life, she loved music, she loved to sing praises and dance. She loved to cook and entertain her family and friends. Ruth had great wisdom, she was truthful, kind, loving and always supportive to her family. She loved her brothers and sisters dearly.

Ruth was a member of God's Kingdom Society, Shogunle Branch in Lagos, Nigeria, and loved to worship Jehovah as her late father did; he devoted his life to the service of God in the Lord's ministry. She was a woman of faith – indeed she was. She held on to her faith till the end as it is the will of Jehovah God that she should rest in the lord.

We love you Mom, and we shall see you again on the day of resurrection by

the grace of God (John 5: 28 – 29).

Ruth is predeceased by her parents, Pa Jeremiah Ignatius, and Madam Patience Oduenyi Chukwueze.

She is survived by; her children, Charles Iheme, Edith Smith, and son-in-law Joshua Smith; her grandchildren, Elizabeth Amara-chi, Jordan Oluchi, and Ignatius Ikechukwu Smith; her siblings, Mrs. Agnes Utobivbi, Bro. Paul Chukwueze, Mrs. Priscilla Onyenze, Mrs. Grace Onyegbula, Mrs. Judith Straw, Ms. Rachel Chukwueze, Bro. Israel Chukwueze, Ms. Esther Chukwueze, and Bro. Chukwuma Chukwueze; her in-laws, Brent and Pamela Smith, Mr. Gabriel Onyegbula, Mr. Graham Straw, and Mrs. Clara Chukwueze, Eze Emmanuel Onyenze, Mrs. Felicia Chukwueze; as well as many nieces and nephews.

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Nov. 2nd

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## OBITUARY: *William "Bill" J. Ellithorpe, Jr,*

Lebanon, NH – William "Bill" J. Ellithorpe, Jr., 86, a 50-year resident of Newbury, Vermont, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024. He spent his last hours surrounded by loving family members and his "sweetie" in the comfort of the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care. We know that he happily rode a sulky behind Cambro Time--one of his favorite standardbred horses--out of this life, across the field on his old Newbury property and beyond to a place of peace, good grazing, and cribbage games with Bev.

Bill was born on August 26, 1938, in Palmer, Massachusetts, and grew up in the Thorndike section of town. He graduated from Palmer High School in 1956 where he was active playing baseball, football, and basketball as well as the accordion! He then abandoned the possibility of playing in a Polish polka band in order to pursue a career in teaching. He attended Keene State Teacher's College, NH, and graduated with a B.A. in 1961 and was hired for his first teaching job at Woodsville High School, NH that same year. He later went back to school to earn his M.A. in Teaching from St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT in 1965.

Bill taught history and government at the former Monson Academy in Monson, MA from 1963 through 1966. He also coached both football and basketball. It was there that he met his loving wife of 54 years—Beverly. They married in 1966, and Bill took on the task of helping raise her two sons, Larry and Glenn.

Bill taught history and coached basketball at Tantasqua Regional High School in Fiskdale, MA while Bev taught French, Spanish and English at

Palmer High School, MA. After a short stint in Springfield, VT, Bill was hired as Principal of Palmer High School in 1969, serving there until 1972, when he moved to the "North Country" to become Principal of the former Orford High School in Orford, NH. In 1980 he decided to try something different and began a coffee/hot drink distribution operation to area businesses back when this was a novel idea. In 1984 he returned to education and taught English and social studies at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School in NH until he retired from full-time teaching in 1996.

Bill's lifelong love of fishing and hunting was nurtured by his father while growing up and exploring the woods and streams of western Massachusetts. He was also involved in beagle trials for those years and was a member of the Palmer Beagle Club. While living in Newbury, Bill particularly enjoyed camping along the White River with his father, nephew Terry, and brother-in-law, Wayne to fish for trout and made a few longer excursions, such as to the remote waters of Chibougamau in Quebec to fish for pike. He had several Brittany Spaniels over his later years for the purpose of bird hunting in the fields of the Upper Valley. In addition, Bill was a big Patriots fan but favored the Yankees over the Red Sox (to the chagrin of other family members)!

Bill's love of standardbred horses and racing began in his college years and the family's move to the farmhouse and 23 (or so) acres in Newbury, VT in 1974 enabled him to pursue this dream. He had numerous horses over the years, including such frequent winners as "Cambro Time" and "Swift River Connie," and he raced not

only at racetracks throughout "the North Country," but at numerous fairs. He could always enthrall listeners with stories of photo finishes or of hazardous trips pulling the horse trailer through Sherburne Pass in Vermont or Crawford Notch in New Hampshire during snowstorms.

Bill was known for being outspoken and was always involved in politics and his community. This is evident both in his informal "holding court" while sipping cups of coffee at the Newbury General Store, engaging in debates from the seat of his pick-up as well as actually running for office and serving on local boards. The latter included a nine-year stint on the Newbury Board of Selectman, several terms on the Oxbow School District Board and time as the Moderator at the Newbury Congregational Church, in which he and Bev were both active. Of course, there were also the informal, but always loud conversations that were a tradition at all family gatherings, such as at Thanksgiving or New Year's Eve, when Bill and his loving sister, Chris, would banter back and forth as the tv might be doing play-by-plays of a Patriots game in the background.

Bill and Bev loved to travel and, especially, gravitated to historical sites including Gettysburg in Pennsylvania and the Fortress of Louisbourg in Nova Scotia. They enjoyed camping at Wassampki Springs in Maine for many summers and spent numerous winters in Jensen Beach, Florida, where they relaxed on the beach, visited other retired friends, went out for seafood, or explored nearby environs such as Lake Okeechobee. There were also trips to England, Scotland and Wales as well as to the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec and Canada's Maritime provinces.

One of Bill and the family's earliest adventures was the trip "out West" back in 1968 in a Ford Mercury that pulled a pop-up camper. Sites visited included the Badlands in

South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, and the Grand Canyon. For many years afterward, the family would subject visitors to a slide show of the trip and such stories as when Bill and Larry hid from a curious bear in a campground bathroom.

However, both Bill and Bev loved the farm in Newbury above all else and the caring, supportive community of friends they had there throughout their 50 years in the town. Just as treasured as their many trips were quieter times spent in the kitchen, looking out the picture window to the field where a group of deer might be grazing at dusk.

Bill and Bev were both cribbage and rummy fiends and neither took prisoners when they played! Both would howl with frustration or gloat when they skunked each other or were caught in the "dead hole" at the end of a cribbage game. Bill also partnered with a friend and competed in local cribbage tournaments with an eye on the first-place trophies. Many ended up on a table or shelf in the family room. Bill later continued to play cribbage and other games, attend plays or movies, and get in one last trip to Florida with his companion of the last two years—Joan.

Bill learned many carpentry skills from his father growing up and was also known for creative resourcefulness in dealing with problems. For instance, in his post-retirement years he remained busy on the farm growing and selling corn, pumpkins or other vegetables at various times. Needing plenty of water for this endeavor and with some summers being particularly dry, he set up a system for pumping water from the swamp at the edge of the property for this purpose. He'd also, at various times, raised some banty chickens for the purpose of making fishing lures, built a dog kennel in the back yard when living in Palmer and installed a system for rotating the roof antenna at the stone house

in Orford and then in Newbury in order to pick up a whopping two channels! This was in the days before cable or satellite tv, of course. Locals are also sure to remember days when Bill sold his corn from the back of "Old Blue" at a Route 5 pull-off down in Bradford, as well as when school groups picked his pumpkins from the field behind the Newbury house in the month before Halloween.

Bill is survived by his dear sister Christine Smith and his brother-in-law, Wayne Smith, of Palmer, MA; his nephew Terry Smith of Ware, MA and Terry's son, Evan; son Glenn Reed and his partner, Timothy Brennan, of Wilder, VT; son Larry Reed of Fair Haven, VT; granddaughter Devyn Reed of Pittsford, VT; granddaughter Brianna Thompson and her husband, Zach of Rutland, VT along with their two children, Eli and Norah; his companion Joan Ponzoni of White River Junction, VT; and many, many long-time friends in Newbury, VT and elsewhere. He was predeceased in 2020 by his wife of 54 years, Beverly Ellithorpe; and by his parents William J. Ellithorpe, Sr. (2007) and his wife, Madlyn (Kmon) Ellithorpe (2006), of Thorndike, MA.

A graveside service will be held at the Oxbow Cemetery in Newbury at noon on Sunday, October 27. This will be followed that day by a celebration of the lives of both Bill and Beverly in the Newbury Congregational Church vestry at 1 p.m. Both are open for family and friends, and all are invited to come and share stories/fond memories of Bill and Bev. Memorial gifts in honor of Bill, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, NH: online at <https://dhgeiselgiving.org/cause/palliative-hospice-care#giving-options> or call (603) 646-5919.

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# OBITUARY: Robert Edmund Vezeau,

Robert Edmund Vezeau, 79, of Benton, NH, passed away peacefully at his home on October 11, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born November 23, 1944, in Rochester, NH, Robert spent his early years in Portsmouth, where he attended school before proudly serving in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966. After his military service, he worked at Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack, NH, for 30 years, retiring with a lifetime of friendships and memories.

Robert was preceded in death by his beloved wives: Renate Vezeau, Geraldine Hinzman, and Idalmis Martinez. His generous spirit and leadership were evident in his role as Commander of the American Legion Post 98 in Merrimack, NH, where he served for several years. He found joy in life's simple pleasures, spending countless days hunting, fishing, and enjoying cold beers with his buddies. Robert cherished his time on the island of St. Kitts, where he lived for

twelve fulfilling years. Affectionately known as "Robert E. People's Choice," Robert's humor, warmth, and lively spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

He is predeceased by a sister, Maryland. He is survived by his daughter, Heidi Battistelli, her husband Eric, and their children Madeline Compos, Jack Compos, and Blake Battistelli, and his son, Robert Vezeau, his wife Stacie, and their children Maxwell, Dominic, and Caroline Vezeau of Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be made to the North Country Home Health and Hospice, 536 Cottage St. Littleton, NH 03561, honoring the care and support he received.

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

## LISBON LIONS CLUB TO HOST 27th ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY DINNER

SATURDAY –  
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The Lisbon Lions Club is once again showing their appreciation to local senior citizens by sponsoring the 27th Annual Senior Holiday Dinner, free for all senior citizens living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, on Saturday, November 9th. The dinner menu will include roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie.

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## THANKS, BUT I'LL BAKE MY OWN

By: Maggie Anderson

I watched our Ms. Harris' interview with Fox New's Bret Baier. Her talking points about her 80-some pages of policy on her website bring a couple of thoughts to the fore.

One, with people who have pledged their first born on contracts they never even bothered to read, what makes her think anyone's going to slog through her site? In case she didn't realize it, this was her chance for her to tell the voters why they should toss all their eggs into her basket herself.

Her only job was to tell us. It was not to tell us who Donald Trump really is.

After all the years of ultra-intense scrutiny by anyone and everyone who either fears, or loathes, Donald Trump, I doubt there are too many who feel a woman who has said she only met him once can give us a better view of who he really is.

Besides, what the American voters wanted, what they deserve, was

for her to give us a view of who she is, and what she plans to do if she actually moves into the White House.

So far in her campaign she has spoken in exactly the way my mother did after my folks were divorced. She seems to believe that if she promises cupcakes at the Halloween party, the whole class will jump up and cheer.

She doesn't tell them that somebody's parents, who actually work to feed their families and pay their taxes, are going to get the tab for all those cupcakes after the party's over.

My dad called me into the living room one afternoon to tell me my mother was coming up from Florida to talk with me. Dad said she wanted me to move to Florida and live with her and her new boyfriend. Dad said, I love you, and I want you with me, but I will not stand in your way if you want to live with your mother.

My mother took me out for coffee and pie, a spin around the floor at the roller rink ( which anybody who knows me is aware that alone can scramble my thinking - I would rather roller skate than eat, and I love to eat ) then she took me on a shopping spree, all the while giving me a list of all the stuff I could have, if I'd only move to Florida with her.

I was only 11 years old, I understood the principle of bribery.

Our Ms. Harris is about to find out the American voter is no more ignorant than I was when my mother promised me all things she knew I wanted, but never told me how much the cupcakes would cost me - or somebody else who will be expected to pick up the tab for our Ms. Harris' promises and all her generosity.

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# Woodville High School Engineering Excellence



Woodville High School proudly recognizes Mrs. Mulliken and Mr. Emmerton for their exceptional leadership with the National Honor Society (NHS). Their dedication to fostering community involvement and leadership in students was showcased recently during two significant events.

Mrs. Mulliken and Mr. Emmerton hosted the Annual National Honor Society Induction, welcoming new members into the prestigious program. In addition to this meaningful ceremony, they guided NHS students in two impactful community service initiatives.

In collaboration with Mr. Glen Page, NHS students built handicap-accessible picnic tables that will soon be placed at Bedell Bridge State Park. The project offered students a hands-on opportunity to contribute to making the local park more accessible to all visitors.

Following the construction project, NHS members participated in a Bedell Bridge State Park fall clean-up, demonstrating their commitment to serving the local community.

WHS Principal Mr. Coon expressed his gratitude, stating, "Mrs. Mulliken and Mr. Emmerton continue to foster a spirit of leadership and community service in our students. Their dedication goes beyond the classroom, creating lasting impacts both in and out of school."

Woodville High School applauds the efforts of Mrs. Mulliken, Mr. Emmerton, and the NHS students' contributions to the community and embody the values of leadership, service, and teamwork.



Woodville High School is proud to announce Faith Griswold as the JAG Student of the Week. Faith, a standout leader and dedicated member of the JAG program, has been recognized for her exceptional leadership both in and out of the classroom.

Faith has served as a JAG Chapter Officer for the past two years and was recently re-elected to a second term as the State Career Association Secretary. Her commitment to her leadership roles and her peers has set a remarkable example within the JAG community.

"Faith exemplifies what JAG stands for," said Mrs. Nichols, Senior Career Specialist for JAG. "She takes her role seriously and leads by example every day. Her dedication inspires those around her, and she continues to show what it means to be a true leader."

Faith has been an active participant in JAG since her sophomore year, consistently demonstrating the program's values through her hard work and dedication.

Woodville High School congratulates Faith on her achievements and is proud to celebrate her contributions to the school and the wider community.



Woodville High School is proud to announce that Eli Vasconcelos has been elected to serve as the Student Board Member on the Haverhill School Board. Eli's new role will provide a vital link between the student body and the school board, ensuring that student voices are heard in important decisions that impact the school and broader community.

Eli's election highlights his commitment to leadership and advocacy for his peers, and his representation on the board will help shape a positive future for Woodville High School.

"We are excited to have Eli as a part of the Haverhill School Board, and we look forward to his contributions," said Hayden Coon, Principal of Woodville High School. "Student representation is essential for understanding the needs and concerns of our student body, and Eli's dedication makes him a perfect fit for this role."

As Student Board Member, Eli will attend board meetings, participate in discussions, and provide valuable insight from a student's perspective on issues related to education, school policies, and student welfare.



Woodville High School is proud to recognize Harley Elliott, a dedicated 10th-grade student who loves basketball, in this week's Student Success Spotlight.

Mrs. Jill Nichols, JAG Senior Career Specialist, nominated Harley for his outstanding commitment to volunteerism. Recently, when Cottage Hospital and JAG required assistance with unloading 125 pumpkins for a community event, Harley was among the first to step up. His efforts were instrumental in bringing the pumpkins down for local families to carve later that evening, demonstrating his willingness to go above and beyond in service to the community.

WHS Principal Mr. Hayden Coon commended Harley's actions, stating, "Harley's initiative and readiness to lend a hand shows his commitment to our community. He's a great example of what it means to be a WHS student."

Woodville High School applauds Harley for embodying the spirit of community support and for being a positive role model for his peers.



Woodville High School's Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program proudly announces TJ Quigley as the JAG Student of the Week. In his second year with the program, TJ has proven himself a standout participant and leader. This year, TJ was elected as Chapter Secretary, a role in which he excelled.

TJ is known for his friendly demeanor and commitment to helping staff and students. His fellow JAG officers have expressed their excitement to work alongside him, recognizing his positive impact on the team.

"TJ is a natural leader with a heart for service," says Mrs. Jill Nichols, Senior Career Specialist for the JAG program. "His dedication to JAG and his willingness to help others makes him a true asset to our program."

In his time with JAG, TJ has consistently gone above and beyond, demonstrating his leadership abilities and genuine care for his peers. His contributions have strengthened the JAG chapter and made a lasting impression on the entire school community.

The Woodville High School JAG program continues to foster student leadership and success, and TJ Quigley exemplifies the best of what the program has to offer.

For more information on the WHS JAG program or to learn more about upcoming events, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Jill Nichols at [jnichols@sau23.org](mailto:jnichols@sau23.org).

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The Woodsville High School JAG program recently teamed up with Cottage Hospital for a community-driven Pumpkin Carving Party, creating a memorable event for local families and students. With the support of local farms, over 100 pumpkins were donated, offering participants a chance to showcase their creativity and enjoy the season's festive spirit.

The event at Woodsville High School featured a collaborative effort between JAG students and Cottage Hospital staff, who worked together to ensure a fun-filled evening. Students and alumni played critical roles in organizing, setting up, and assisting with the event, helping community members carve their pumpkins, and creating an inviting atmosphere for all attendees.

Pictured in the front row are Mrs. Nichols, JAG Senior Career Specialist, alongside students Yeti, Issy Palm, and Gyana Taylor. In the second row, Damon Huard, TJ Quigley, McKayla Rhoads, Aubrie Knights, Emily Nelson, and Cottage Hospital Community Relations Liaison Kuba Kubkowski share a moment. The third row features Maddox T. and JAG Alumni Lilly Nelson, highlighting the strong connection between current students and JAG graduates.

"This event truly show-

cased the strength and spirit of our community," said Mrs. Nichols, Senior Career Specialist at Woodsville High School. "Our students were eager to lend a hand, and it was inspiring to see everyone come together for such a fun and festive cause."

The Pumpkin Carving Party provided a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the season while also highlighting the positive impact of partnerships between local schools and community organizations.

WHS Principal Mr. Hayden Coon added, "The collaboration between Woodsville High School JAG and Cottage Hospital exemplifies what community partnerships are all about. Through efforts like these, our students learn the value of service and the importance of giving back."

A big thank you goes out to everyone involved, including local farms, for their generous pumpkin donations and to the students, staff, and community members who made this event a success. The event served as a perfect example of how Woodsville High School JAG and Cottage Hospital continue to foster community engagement and support.

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Marcia Edith Bridge

## OBITUARY: Marcia Edith Bridge

In the early morning hours of October 10th, the Lord took the hand of Marcia, and like the He had with the ancient Children of Israel, led her across the proverbial Jordon into the Promised Land, and to the heavenly home he had prepared for her.

Marcia Edith Bridge (Kollbeck) was born on September 20, 1945, to Arthur Robert Kollbeck, and Edith Vitolia Kollbeck (Pearson) in Providence, Rhode Island. She graduated in 1965 from Hope High School in Providence, and matriculated to Shelton College, Ringwood, New Jersey. She returned to Rhode Island where she was employed

by the Army map service, in West Warwick, as a cartographer, and later at the Electric Terminal Corporation (ETCO) in Warwick. She was a member of the RI Honor Society. Marcia had a beautiful alto singing voice. She sang in the Providence youth choir, and the Rhode Island Civic Choral, especially enjoying the annual Bach Festival, and the Chorales presentation of Verdi's Aida. She continued to sing in Vermont, becoming a member for several years of the North Country Chorus, and working making costumes for the annual madrigal dinner, and helping in the Easter cake sales. While

traveling to church or down to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, she would often harmonize with the Christian radio station or the cars CD player. She was also known for her love of animals, hoping in high school to become a veterinarian.

On the evening of November 15, 1974, she married the Rev. Dr. Melvin G. Bridge. In July 2003, she retired from the Electric Terminal Corporation (ETCO), and a year later, she and her husband moved to the home they had had built in North Ryegate, Vermont. Besides her husband, she leaves, a daughter, Traci Lynn Rye and her husband Jason, of Kalispell, Montana. A step-son George William from Somers, Michigan, a step-son John Wesley, and his wife Ahna, from Hillsborough, North Carolina, and a step-daughter, Catherine Joy Whited of Mulvane, Kansas. She also leaves behind six

grandchildren and one great-grandson, and numerous cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents, and a step-son, Daniel Frederick Bridge, and a step-son-in-law, Ronald Whited.

The Bridge family would like especially to thank the nurses of Hospice for the tender care they gave to Marcia during her illness. God bless you all!

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to either the Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter, 75 Talcott Road, Suite 40, Williston, VT 05495, North Haverhill United Methodist Church, PO Box 29, North Haverhill, NH 03774, Caledonia Home Health, 161 Sherman Dr. St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819, or the Prouty at <https://dhmcalumdev.hitchcock.org/giving/cancer-care-support>

There will be a calling hour on Thursday October 17, 2024, from 2-3PM at the North Ha-

verhill United Methodist Church, 2900 Dartmouth College Hwy, North Haverhill, NH followed by a funeral service at 3PM. Interment will be Friday October 18, 2024, at 1 PM at the All Saints Cemetery, 389 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI.

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

### "Misrepresentation by my opponent"

Unable to attend the Candidates' Forum held at Profile High School on the night of Tuesday, October 1, 2024, I was astonished to read the misrepresentations elicited by my opponent as to my proposals for the different aspects of the Grafton County Complex and the taxpayers of Grafton County in my position of Grafton County Commissioner, District 2, encompassing approximately 20 towns in Grafton County. My opponent's misrepresentations hit a nerve with me, and I feel I must rectify her falsehoods.

First, my opponent insinuates that I am unconcerned and a non-advocate for the citizens of Grafton County! Nothing could be further from the truth! I guess she has not read, nor studied, my lengthy resume for if she had, she would see how compassionate and concerned I am for our

vulnerable citizens and our vital workers of our Grafton County Complex.

Additionally, I am also very concerned for the well-being of all Grafton County taxpayers.

I have been a strong advocate for all categories of people....the residents and nursing staff in our historic nursing facility based upon the advocacy I extended to my father when he was placed in a nursing facility when we lived in RI.

As a Navy veteran, I advocated for my country, my ship, and my shipmates aboard the aircraft carrier, USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67), and volunteering to serve, TAD, aboard the battleship, USS New Jersey (BB-62) during the Viet Nam Conflict. I would continue to advocate for all military veterans. Thank you for your service!

I advocated for my Elementary and Middle school children throughout my 35-year, veteran teaching career in an aging

building in an inner-city, public school system. Many of the children I taught came from fatherless, single-mom households. It was a city with multi-lingual, multi-racial, multi-cultural children who had easy access to cigarettes and drugs. Education and early guidance and intervention was promoted to help our kids from making bad decisions regarding their mental and physical health.

I advocated for prison inmates in High Security, Medium Security (PC), and Work Release by teaching GED at the state prison system in RI so that these men could restart their lives in a positive way.

By traveling to area high schools in northern RI, I advocated for single moms by teaching Evening GED classes to them so they could become self-sufficient caregivers in resuming their lives and the lives of their children.

I advocated for minorities by teaching GED to

new arrivals and ESL students and young adults in the Providence and East Providence Adult Education Programs where I acted, not only as teacher, but as Evening Supervisor.

As Teacher Representative to the RI Employees Retirement System, I advocated for 40,000 public school teachers, Correctional Officers, State Police personnel, DOT workers, school administrators, municipal employees such as local police and fire personnel, state workers, and whomever else was in the RI Pension System to help prevent raids on our pension monies by the State Investment Commission among others.

For ten years, I advocated the religious teachings and the righteous moral values/standards of The Holy Bible to Grafton County children of St. Rose of Lima Parish throughout the Greater Littleton area towns by facilitating & serving as Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). I

owe the success of this endeavor to the parents and many volunteers of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

I taught skiing at Loon Mountain to Beginning Skiers, Youth Skiers, and Adult Skiers as well as many from visiting countries in order to introduce the recreational opportunities of the mountains of the State of New Hampshire and promote its business advantages.

So, in conclusion, I have been advocating for all segments of our varied groups of citizens all of my life! I will do the same for all segments of Grafton County residents and taxpayers! I would be a "new set of eyes" in solving the myriad issues encompassing the Grafton County Complex and its taxpayers.

Gratefully,

Nick De Mayo, Sugar Hill, NH



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(all towns in Grafton County)**

**Brian Dear - Grafton County Treasurer (all towns in Grafton County)**

**Todd Eck - Grafton County Sheriff (all towns in Grafton County)**

Dear Editor,

As the Coos County Sheriff and retired Chief of the Berlin Police Department, we are proud to endorse David Rochefort for New Hampshire Senate. David's deep local roots and unwavering commitment to the people of Coos and Northern Grafton County make him the ideal candidate to represent us in Concord.

David grew up locally, and his dedication to the well-being of our community is evident in everything he does. Throughout his campaign, he has taken the time to listen to the concerns of our residents, including those of the law enforcement community. David understands the challenges our officers face on a daily basis, and he has demonstrated his genuine support for public safety in a way that few candidates do.

Recently, David actively engaged with law enforcement by participating in a ride-along with a local police department. He didn't just show up for a photo-op; he asked thoughtful questions, lis-

tened to the officer's experiences, and learned that those who protect and serve our area are often the first people to understand how the effects of legislation impact our cities and small towns. This hands-on approach shows his willingness to work alongside us to ensure that our communities remain safe.

David Rochefort's leadership, experience, and personal ties to the North Country make him the strong advocate we need in the State Senate. We are confident that he will continue to prioritize public safety, and his presence in Concord will be a benefit to all of us.

We urge the residents of Senate District 1 to vote for David Rochefort on Election Day. Let's elect someone who truly understands and represents our community.

Sincerely,

Brian Valerino, Coos County Sheriff  
Chief Pete Morency (Retired), Berlin Police Department

To the Editor:

As a Groveton native with deep Coos County roots, I still track North Country news closely, even though I am now a State Representative for Loudon. My seat in Representatives Hall is proximate to several North Country folks, including Littleton Rep. Dave Rochefort, a Lancaster native.

Dave is now running for the State Senate District 1 up north and I hope that North Country voters will give him fair consideration. He helped get a bi-partisan measure passed in the House limiting out-of-state trash being dumped in N.H., an issue of particular import to Dalton. A bill he promoted to cut administrative burdens on physicians' assistants to expand health care access was signed into law

by the governor, as was another measure to improve school board protocols.

I think it matters that Dave's opponent is relatively new to the North Country. There is great value to having deep roots in the district one wishes to represent.

Dave's work ethic is very impressive, and that matters. Also, he has a great sense of humor, which also doesn't hurt!

Hopefully we'll continue to see him in Concord after the votes are tallied on November 5th.

Sincerely,

Michael I. Moffett (LtCol, USMCR)

Professor/Author - N.H. State Representative / Committee Chair Loudon, N.H.

Responding to "Hiring a Grafton County Sheriff"

I recently read a Letter to the Editor that was written by Theodore P. Smith concerning the candidates for Grafton County Sheriff.

At the beginning of his letter, Mr. Smith suggests that this race should not be political and 'the most experienced Law enforcement individual' should be elected. At the end of his letter, Mr. Smith then indicates that he will vote for Jill Myers, who clearly is the least experienced candidate in this race.

Mr. Smith also claims that he 'did a lot of research on the candidates', but he does not indicate what this research consisted of. Also, Mr. Smith chose to only interview one of the candidates, Ms. Myers.

Ms. Myers opponent in this election is Todd Eck, a man with over 27 years of

continuous law enforcement experience. He has served as a local patrol officer, a County Deputy Sheriff, a S.W.A.T. team member, a Corrections Training Sergeant, a Corrections Academy Instructor and Proctor, a Patrol Sergeant, a Police Lieutenant, and as Department Prosecutor. He currently serves as the Police Chief in Bath, NH.

Having spent the better part of 10 years working with Todd at the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, I can endorse him for Grafton County Sheriff without hesitation or reservation. If you want to know more about Todd and his agenda for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, please consider going to his campaign website at todd-eck-4-sheriff.com. If you wish to make a meaningful comparison of the candidates, you should also go to jillmyersforgraftoncounty-

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### Public School Infrastructure Fund – School Safety and Security Grantsislative Report

In FY18, the State of New Hampshire established the Public School Infrastructure Commission and tasked the commission to improve security in NH's K-12 public schools, including charter public schools. In the past six years, the state has taken a proactive approach to school safety. Accordingly, the state has allocated approximately \$50M in grant funds to enhance and support school security and safety.

On Feb. 21, 2024, the Governor and Executive Council approved the third round of SAFE grants. Following a recommendation from the Public School Infras-

tructure Commission, a total of \$9,861,447 was allocated to improve access control, emergency alerting and surveillance at 167 schools. Further, a waitlist of school security projects was approved and remains in place should additional funding become available.

Commission membership includes: Representative Rick Ladd (Chairman), Representative Mary Heath, Senator Howard Pearl, Senator Donovan Fenton, Robert Buxton (Homeland Security and Emergency Management), Frank Edelblut (Department of Education) and Drew Cline (Chairman, State School Board). In order for a

school to be eligible for a grant from the public school infrastructure fund, the commission in working with the department of education and Homeland Security determines that the school has need for improving conditions associated with access control, emergency alerting/communications with emergency responders, and interior and exterior surveillance.

This program also provides leadership, technical assistance, and resources regarding operating and maintaining healthy and safe school facilities.

Projects recommended by the Commission and approved by Governor and Ex-

ecutive Council totaled \$9,861,447. Local school receiving grant awards included:

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|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Haverhill Cooperative (HMS) | \$12,000 | Emergency Alerting |
| Haverhill Cooperative (HMS) | \$20,000 | Surveillance       |
| Haverhill Cooperative (WES) | \$82,150 | Emergency Alerting |
| Piermont (Village School)   | \$8,700  | Surveillance       |
| Piermont (Village School)   | \$14,100 | Emergency Alerting |

The Public School Infrastructure Commission received 630 applications for projects totaling \$21M. It was recommended by the

Commission that grants be capped at \$100,000 per school. It was further recommended that grants not awarded be placed on the prioritized wait list and be awarded grant funds should any funds remain in the fund. The Commission will meet on November 1, 2024 at the Granite State College building in Concord to review and consider waitlisted applications. Woodsville HS, Bath Village School, and Landaff Blue School are waitlisted. Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep Rick Ladd  
Chair, Public School Infrastructure Fund

#### Eddie Qi is for the People of New Hampshire

Eddie Qi is running for Grafton County State Representative in District 2. Eddie would be a huge asset to these communities. Eddie is a very ethical, giving person who would be dedicated to making decisions that would benefit the residents for the present and future.

I had the pleasure of meeting Eddie Qi. He has a quiet yet very strong, confident presence. He is both personable and approachable, and when he speaks about our country and the issues, he speaks with great wisdom, insight and common sense. Eddie is conservative and believes strongly in our constitution and the rights it gives American citizens. Eddie will always protect our inalienable rights from being taken away unconstitutionally from the radical left.

Eddie's heart truly lies with the people of our communities. As a repre-

sentative he would listen to the concerns of EVERYONE and conduct his duties all for the benefit and welfare of them. He has no political agenda except representing the voice of law abiding, hard working tax paying citizens!

Eddie, is well aware of the terrible economy we are experiencing and would be very prudent when it comes to fiscal matters. He would not cave

into supporting wasteful spending bills that may "feel good" on the surface when in reality it just harms the taxpayers and benefits no one.

Eddie is a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment and will fight against radical left legislation that would infringe on those rights, such as those who are pushing confiscating guns from innocent law abiding citizens. He also believes in the American family and the fact that parents know what is best for their children and should have a say when controversial issues arise

in school. For example, inappropriate age level reading material or gender identity and transitioning are issues we have seen in schools across our country. Those on the left feel that parents should have no say in this and even not be informed about it! Eddie is against those who want to take those rights away from the parents.

Educational freedom is a very important issue which Eddie fully supports. Taxes can be tough on everyone, especially in Biden's "nightmare" economy. Taxpayers want to have the best for their child and should have a choice on where and how they want their child educated.

Eddie Qi's opponent is Jared Sullivan. Research his voting record. He supports the left's agenda and has voted for things that will not help the people of NH.

Here are just a few examples of his voting record:

He voted for elimi-

nating rebates from Energy Relief Funds which will raise electric rates( 2023 HB418 ),and for raising electric rates to subsidize purchases of EVs (2024 HB1472). Sullivan also voted for allowing schools to administer non-academic surveys without parental consent ( 2023 HB380),and against policies to handle any parental complaint of inappropriate materials (2024 HB1311 ) He voted against establishing the parental bill of rights. ( 2023 HB10 ). and against a bill that requires educators provide 2 week notice on all curriculum and materials related to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression in New Hampshire.

He voted for limiting education freedom account funding ( 2024 HB1512 )

Sullivan also voted for allowing illegal aliens to get drivers licenses (2024) SB501), and voted against prohibiting illegal aliens who have out of

state licenses from getting a NH drivers license( 2024 SB358).

Lastly, he voted against requiring reporting death of a voter to town clerk (2024 SB576) and verifying voter rolls every four years instead of every 10 years (2024 HB1369 ) which would help election integrity. (Notice the democrats are ALWAYS against anything that ensures election integrity?) Needless to say, the aforementioned actions of Sullivan do not help the people in any way shape or form. Vote for Eddie Qi. He is on the side of the people,our constitution, and American values.

Alex Foryan  
60 Spring Road  
Milan, NH 03588



**District 2 Grafton County Commissioner Candidate De Mayo's advocacies were distorted**

Having read the article in the October 5th edition of The Caledonian Record, it was clearly a typical leftist fabrication and smear of honorable Nick De Mayo by his opponent for Grafton County Commissioner.

Nick De Mayo is singularly focused on the welfare of the citizens of Grafton County. For a very long time, he has always been active in area school and town meetings, a participant and leader in area town parades and at the Grafton County Fair and is a long-time devoted resident of Grafton County. Now, he is now asking the voters of Grafton County, which has an area 500 square miles bigger than the whole state of Rhode Island, for their permission to devote his time and focus to greater responsibilities for the sole benefit of this region in asking for your vote on Tuesday, November 5th.

Nick's lengthy resume is a backdrop and foundation for the compassion and concern he will bring for the workers of our Grafton County Complex.

He is very concerned for the welfare of the staff and

residents of the long-term care facility at this complex, a concern founded on his own experiences when his dad was living in a long-term care facility in Rhode Island. Moreover, he will bring mindful concern for the well-meaning use of Grafton County taxpayers' hard earned monies.

As a Navy veteran, he is deeply connected to service of Country and has very serious concerns for the plight of our veterans, particularly those who have suffered mental and physical harm during their tenure serving out country. Why are we diverting Billions of dollars to illegal aliens and away from our veterans? This is wanton criminal Democrat behavior!

As a 35-year public school teacher, often ministering to a less than fortunate student population, he is a man of dedication and love for those who need great understanding. During those many years working in the inner city he promoted programs helping "his" kids to keep from making bad decisions regarding their mental and physical health, steering clear of cigarettes, alcohol, hard drugs and the "gate-way" drugs that the liberal left now push on society to

control and destroy our people. We see evidence of the latter in the Democrat's push for marijuana liberalization (a drug that is far more toxic and deadly than nicotine) and the Democrat complacency at the amount of Fentanyl that their illegal and criminal immigration advocacy has spawned since Border Czar Harris put in place measures to flood the country with millions of soon-to-be Democrat voters (if they take control of the White House)!

In addition to his work-related devotion-to-service, he also gave of his time to help prison inmates in both Minimum and Maximum Security Prisons and Work Release, and to single moms, to help them attain the proficiency needed to get their GED High School Equivalency Certificate.

He took a leadership role in two large Adult Ed Programs in the Greater Providence area, namely the East Providence Adult Ed Program and the Providence Adult Ed Program, reaching youth and adults of multi-lingual, multi-cultural, and multi-racial backgrounds, including ESL students.

In his professional capacity, and on a volunteer basis, he was a Teacher Representative to the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island

(ERSRI) which serves 40,000 public school teachers, as well as school administrators, state employees, DOT workers, correctional officers, state police personnel, and municipal workers like police and fire personnel of Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns. In this capacity, he helped avert pension raids on retirement monies by the RI State Investment Commission and others.

He was the Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) for ten years at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church where he facilitated a program for the children of the Greater Littleton area towns to inculcate Biblical

morals and values into the minds and hearts of the children together with the aid of the parents and volunteers of the parish. As anyone with a conscience knows (Democrat Politicians have no conscience),

Biblical values are the only counter to the no-morals God-hating agenda of the leftist Dems who now want total control of our faltering country as they try and hoodwink us by redefining Democracy, which in their "NEWSPEAK" (George Orwell scripted the Democrat Party) actually means one-party Authoritarian Tyranny.

Nick is a devoted long-time loving and concerned citizen of Grafton County, with a soul, not a carpet bagger or a self-serving power-hungry Leftist. I urge all Grafton County residents to vote for him on Tuesday, November 5th. There is no other choice. Ken Leavitt, Sugar Hill, NH

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### A VERY FRIGHTENED TRUMP

To the Editor,

For years I have submitted LTEs to various publications expressing my disdain for X-president Trump. Why he should never have been in that office and why he should never be there again.

I have that blessed right to express myself, as do others - one of the great strengths of our democratic republic.

Such is the value of newspapers like this one allowing us in this country to express a diversity of opinions, well-informed or not.

I've often called Trump "scared", and a "coward" and he is and I'll make it simple for even him to understand.

The reason is one which even Trump opponents don't mention often enough, and the reason is one which his supporters never say out loud.

He's afraid of the browning of America, and so are millions of folks in this country who are also scared of this change. Black skins, brown skins, darker skins, all

### Action (or inaction) Speaks Louder Than Words

To the Editor,

Enter Kamala Harris! Recently in her campaign she has a vision for the US. She envisions getting inflation under control, controlling immigration, reducing homelessness, etc. etc. Really?? She has had nearly four years to do those things and not one of them has happened. Her "vision" is simply campaign rhetoric. It all goes away the day after the election.

Actions speak louder than words!

Instead, she and the radical left Democrats (socialists) have been focused on more important things like using proper(?) pronouns, fining conservative Christian colleges, allowing the FBI to

of those non-white skins offend Trump to the bottom of his racist soul. The population of non-whites in our country is the fastest growing demographic we have and they are voting in larger numbers than ever.

This scares Trump - a scared man can be a dangerous man and a scared man with power can pose international damage.

Multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-cultural people are all reasons for the trembling Trump.

Their ascendance means a diminishment of his own white race, Trump wrongly believes. There can be no success in such groups without a lessening of superiority in the whites, he incorrectly preaches.

So he attacks them - they are "vermin", "poisoning our blood", "infesting" our cities and towns, eating our pets. Trump touts "white supremacy" and "white privilege"

Yeagh, Trump is so scared that his spirit is brown.

Robert Roudebush  
North Haverhill, NH

raid private safe deposit boxes, imposing woke restrictions on the populace, forcing the hiring of employees because they were black or women even though they lacked qualifications for the job (DEI), attacking the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, pushing cancel culture & AI, punishing parents who won't affirm trans kids, making war on the US energy industries, etc. etc.

Democracy is under attack alright, but not by Trump! Only YOU can make a difference in our downward tailspin. Be sure to vote, and get everyone that you know to do the same. This country cannot survive four more years of radical Democratic rule!

Ron Willoughby  
Haverhill

regard to laws; you could not be more ignorant or obtuse. Places like MA are calling you. Please move .

R Michael Small  
Haverhill NH 03765

### Kamala Harris, the Manufactured Candidate

To the Editor,

In response to the letter in the September 24th edition, "A ship sinking, a trainwreck for Trump", what 67 million people watched wasn't a debate, but a 3 on 1 prearranged attack on the former President.

Harris spent five days prior rehearsing and practicing. She even had someone dress as President Trump to stand with her and practiced walking on stage and doing a handshake with him. Seriously? A potential future President has to practice walking on stage? Wonder if she was chewing bubble gum at the same time.

When asked her first question on her thoughts about people saying they were better off four years ago than now, she went off on a long, rehearsed, memorized speech that had nothing to do with the question. And she never did answer the question. But we all know the answer.

The real train wreck has been her limited interviews in the weeks since. She must be pretty desperate to go on the Call Her Daddy podcast, Howard Stern, and that biased gaggle of tweetums show, The View.

When asked if she would do anything different than Biden, she responded "nothing comes to mind" That means, if elected, four more years of high inflation, chaos at the southern border, high crime, and involvement in wars.

Harris is nothing but a manufactured candidate, taking over for a demented, failed Biden, after elites in his own party tossed him to the curb. They admitted what everyone has known right along, that the Biden/Harris administration policies have failed horribly.

To the Editor:

David Rochefort is running for State Senate in District 1, the northern most district in New Hampshire. He was raised in Lancaster, graduated from White Mountains Regional High School, and worked alongside his father at the drug store on Main Street in Lancaster. He then moved to Littleton and started a business from scratch employing people with good-paying jobs. After selling his business he successfully ran for state repre-

She has tried to distance herself from Biden in recent weeks, but she has been involved with all the decision making the past nearly four years.

Prior to joining the race, she held the lowest negative rating for a Vice President in U.S. history at minus 17. Her approval rating in January was only 28% and only improved to 32% when Biden stepped aside.

78% of Americans feel the nation is on the wrong track under the Biden/Harris administration, but yet the liberal main stream media is trying to make her out as QE3, when actually she is co culpable to the mess this country is in. I hope voters aren't that gullible. If they are, I have some oceanfront property in Phoenix I'd love to sell.

If she does somehow get elected, will she blame the 'prior administration' on the mess? That prior administration being her own.

And the press makes her clown of a VP pick out to be a great leader. Every time he comes out on stage, all I can think of is Richard Simmons reincarnated.

Her real train wreck came most recently when being interviewed by Bret Baier of FOX news. She couldn't handle real questions, ones that voters really want answers for. She is accustomed to softball questions from liberal news outlets. In 25 minutes, she failed to answer one question to give voters a take on her policies and positions. Instead, she spent the entire interview attacking President Trump. That's not what voters want. At one point she commented that one has to take responsibility of what happens in their administration. Really? Then when is she going to start taking that responsibility?

representative and has devoted a tremendous amount of time on issues that matter to his constituents.

Dave has the perfect combination of skills that transcends party. He listens, learns and is a problem solver. That's the reason so many people, regardless of party, are supporting Dave. From Haverhill to Pittsburg, and Littleton to Berlin - Dave has relationships with North Country residents stretching over a lifetime.

As a successful state rep-

Her staff even had to start waving their arms begging Bret to stop the interview, and called it an ambush. Welcome to the real world Kamala. People want real answers to real questions, not lies and promises to lure in votes.

Many that plan to vote for President Trump, made that decision long ago. There are a lot of voters that are still on the fence about Harris. To those people consider these things: real per capita disposable income growth was 24% under Trump. It's minus 4.4% under Biden/Harris. The S&P 500 was up 65% under Trump, and less than 50% under Biden/Harris. Inflation, measured by the CPI, was 7.7% under Trump, 19.9% under Biden/Harris. That is just a few of many of the Biden/Harris failures.

Probably the most important election of our lifetime is just a short time away. Be sensible when you vote. Did you know that in 2020, 56% of the votes for Biden were not in support for him and his policies, but only because of hatred for President Trump? Look where that got us. Please don't make the same mistake twice with Harris.

If people vote with their head, heart and pocket-books, for the sake of our country, President Trump should win in a landslide, and we get the opportunity to return to the prosperity we enjoyed before with his successful policies. If they vote with their hatred, we get four more years of high inflation, higher gas prices, continued chaos on the southern border, high crime and involvement in wars, and a host of other failures. You decide...

Jeffrey R. Delaney  
No. Haverhill, NH

representative, Dave is ready to tackle the issues that matter most to us north of the notches. He has the skills, temperament, and knowledge needed to seamlessly move from the house to the senate.

Please join me on Tuesday, November 5th and vote for David Rochefort for NH State Senate.

Sincerely, Brad Bailey  
Monroe

To the Editor,

In brief response to the too many in NH who believe that an "AR" is a weapon of war, and that Christian faith has no place in making political decisions ESPECIALLY in

### Why we need Kelly Ayotte as our next Governor

To the Editor,

I encourage all Republicans, Independents and yes, even some Democrats to vote for Kelly Ayotte for New Hampshire Governor on this Nov. 5th to continue and build upon what our popular Governor Chris Sununu has done over the last 8 years. Remember under the Republican leadership NH is the freest and safest state in the US.

Kelly Ayotte is well positioned to take on this important job as New Hampshire's Governor, she has served the state as our Attorney General, appointed by both Republican and Democrat Governors, she also was our US Senator in 2010. Kelly has taken "The Pledge" that my Father, Governor Mel Thomson started in 1968, which simple states "That if a bill comes before my desk for an Income or Sales Tax, I will Veto either one".

Kelly is running against former mayor Joyce Craig who during her time in city government worked harder to increase the Mayor's salary than to try to reduce the crime and stop fentanyl from

taking the lives of our youth. Kelly, as NH Attorney General has a record of being tough on crime; remember she prosecuted Michael Addison who killed a Manchester police officer, Michael Briggs on Oct. 16, 2006 (18 years ago) and Addison got life without parole. Mayor Craig also tried to raise taxes Six times as Mayor of Manchester and consistently supported higher taxes as a Manchester Alderman and recently stated that she supports a \$160 million tax hike. She has even gone as far as to say that she wants to bring to NH what she brought to Manchester as Mayor. To that, I say "No Thank You".

The NH Police Unions have endorsed Kelly for Governor because they know of her past record of keeping NH citizens safe while at the same time supporting and working with police officers across NH: the Police Unions are; 1. Manchester Assoc. of Police Supervisors, 2. Nashua Police Patrolman's Assoc. 3. NH Police Assoc. 4. NE Police Benevolent Assoc. 5. NH State Troopers Assoc.

I was not surprised to see in a recent Union Leader Opinion authored by three Democrats, Bobby Stephen, Arthur Beaudry and Grafton County Sheriff Jeff Stiegler who are crossing party lines to support Kelly Ayotte because she has "devoted her life to serving the people of our state and repeatedly shown that she can work with anyone to get things done for our state and its people".

I have known and worked with Kelly Ayotte for many years and have enjoyed sharing with her my knowledge and concerns of the three major Industries that make up the North Country's economy which are Forestry, Recreation and Tourism. I know as Governor, Kelly will protect and enhance the "New Hampshire Advantage" while at the same time, keep the Granite State the envy of our neighboring states.

Please join me on Nov. 5, 2024 and Vote for Kelly Ayotte for Governor in the "Live Free or Die" state.

Thank you.  
Tom Thomson  
Orford, NH

### Responding to "Hiring a Grafton County Sheriff"

To the Editor,

I recently read a Letter to the Editor that was written by Theodore P. Smith concerning the candidates for Grafton County Sheriff.

At the beginning of his letter, Mr. Smith suggests that 'the most experienced Law enforcement individual' should be elected. At the end of his letter, Mr. Smith then indicates that he will vote for Jill Myers, who is clearly the least experienced candidate in this race.

Mr. Smith also claims that he 'did a lot of research on the candidates', but he does not indicate what this research consisted of. Also, Mr. Smith chose to only interview one of the candidates, Ms. Myers.

Ms. Myers opponent in this election is Todd Eck, a man with over 27 years of continuous law enforcement experience. He has served as a local patrol officer, a

County Deputy Sheriff, a S.W.A.T. team member, a Corrections Training Sergeant, a Corrections Academy Instructor and Proctor, a Patrol Sergeant, a Police Lieutenant, and as Department Prosecutor. He currently serves as the Police Chief in Bath, NH.

Having spent the better part of 10 years working with Todd at the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, I can endorse him for Grafton County Sheriff without hesitation or reservation. If you want to know more about Todd and his agenda for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, please consider going to his campaign website at [todd-eck-4-sheriff.com](http://todd-eck-4-sheriff.com). If you wish to make a meaningful comparison of the candidates, you should also go to [jillmyers-forgraftoncountysheriff.com](http://jillmyers-forgraftoncountysheriff.com) (As of 14 Oct 2024, this website appears to be expired).  
Russell B. Cumbee  
Franconia, NH

### Rusty Talbot Cares

To the Editor,

New Hampshire Senate District 1 is the largest senate district in the state and Rusty Talbot has visited almost every town in the district in his quest to represent the district. He is intimately familiar with the district and with all of its challenges and issues. And Rusty has a sense of selflessness and community that is unmatched.

Rusty is the captain of the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team which is where I came to know Rusty. Although I'm no longer with the team, I was a

member for 14 years after its founding in 2003, so I have a good appreciation for the demands made of members. Call-outs at all hours of the day and night in all kinds of weather. Long hours of searching for lost people through steep and rocky terrain. The poignancy of helping to carry a dead body down from the mountains. Rusty has seen all that and more. His willingness to give of his time for that is just one of the reasons to vote for Rusty in November.

In addition to his work with the search and rescue team, Rusty is active in several community organiza-

tions such as the Littleton Rotary Club and Bethlehem Colonial Theater. He is the owner of the North Country Climbing Center and, as such, has given his time to the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country to help individuals with disabilities learn rock climbing.

State Senator is a volunteer job. Senators are paid \$200 per term, so you can see that Rusty is not in this for the money. Rusty's dedication to the community is his motivation for running. Please consider voting for Rusty Talbot for Senate District 1 on November 5.

Jim Forrest

claimed. He has co-lead trainings for the fire department and is an effective leader and great communicator. He asks insightful questions and is a thoughtful listener.

The greater community has benefitted from his volunteer work with many organizations including Pemi Valley Search and Rescue, The Colonial Theater and Rotary.

I will vote for Rusty Talbot because I know him and trust him to keep the North Country's interests at heart.

Dan Kenerson  
Sugar Hill

### Rusty Talbot: Committed to Expanding Childcare in the North Country.

To the Editor,

As a mother of a five-year-old and a friend to many families navigating similar challenges, I've experienced firsthand the obstacles we face in securing quality childcare in the North Country. With my husband working as a teacher at the time, I felt a pressing need to rejoin the workforce and contribute to our family's income after having our daughter. I reached out to every childcare provider within an hour's radius, only to be met with waitlists stretching one to two years. I didn't have the luxury of waiting; my family needed me back at work.

We were fortunate to eventually find a wonderful in-home daycare through a friend's recommendation, but so many families aren't as lucky. The shortage of available spots, especially for children aged 0-3, is a critical issue that demands our attention. In the greater Littleton area, there are currently only 11 infant spots available at licensed childcare centers, despite there being over 300 babies born a year at Littleton Regional Hospital.

How can we continue being a thriving community if we cannot provide high

quality and affordable childcare for those that are seeking to continue in or reenter the workforce after having a child? We need leaders who are prioritizing this issue.

Rusty Talbot stands out as a remarkable community partner and a dedicated advocate for families in need. He organizes the annual Littleton Rotary Fundraiser, raising money for local college scholarships, and collaborates with the Boys and Girls Club to offer discounted climbing lessons. As a Board Member of Granite United Way, he is committed to improving the quality of life for all in New Hampshire. Rusty is working tirelessly with community members to tackle our childcare crisis, understanding that working families can only flourish when quality childcare is accessible in the North Country.

With his thoughtfulness, resourcefulness, and deep commitment to our community, Rusty is the leader we need. He understands the unique challenges we face in the North Country, making him an ideal candidate for State Senator. I wholeheartedly encourage you to vote for Rusty on November 5th—together, we can make a difference!

Erin Talcott  
Bethlehem, NH

### Rusty Talbot -Effective Leader

To the Editor,

The recent flier sent to voters questioning Rusty Talbot's fitness for office, obviously written by people who don't know him or live in our community, spurred me to write this letter. I've known Rusty for over ten years as a member of the community and fire department. I've stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the middle of the night at emergency scenes with Sugar Hill Fire and Rescue. That would be hard to do if he lived in California or Washington, DC as the flier

There are no parties  
To the Editor,

This election, there are no parties. There are no Democrats, no Republicans - no parties at all. This election is all about in which direction we want our country to go. Benjamin Franklin once answered a question about what kind of government we had by saying (paraphrasing) "A Democracy, if we can keep it".

When we vote on November 5th this year, we are voting on the national level to keep our democracy or replace it with something more akin to totalitarianism.

In Grafton County District 5, we are also voting whether or not to maintain the status quo in New Hampshire, keeping the people responsible for the programs in the state that we hate - the school voucher system that is killing our public schools and raising our taxes, taking away women's rights, and limiting what teachers can teach in school. These are not party-based decisions to make; they are humanity decisions. Ask yourselves if you're so

immersed in party fealty that you would still vote for Republicans who have caused all of these problems, or that you're fed up enough that you can vote for non-Republican candidates who would work to fix these problems for you, returning human rights to our district and to the "Live Free or Die" state.

Dustin Vigneault and I promise to work our tails off for you in the State House to return these rights to the people of our state without being party-bound. We will work with legislators of all parties to come up with common-sense solutions to the problems we all face.

You don't have to vote for party candidates this election. You only have to vote for what you believe is the rights of the people of our state,

On November the 5th, vote for Rachael Booth and Dustin Vigneault for Grafton County District 5.

Rachael Booth  
Candidate for the NH House of Representatives, Grafton County District 5  
=Landaff, NH

To the Editor.

Everyone is entitled to their religious beliefs. Religious freedom is a cornerstone of American democracy. State Senator Carrie Gendreau's recent letter, "Roosters don't lay eggs," confirms her religious beliefs are still her priority. That is her right. But it isn't her job.

To lead in a democracy requires a leader to respect everyone, include everyone, and encourage all of us to participate fully in our shared civic responsibilities.

Last year's public meltdown of our state senator, whose beliefs led her to spark divisiveness, is only a small part of the story. The bigger story is the greater North Country community coming together in response, to defend the principles of respect and belonging. Gendreau is not running again. The current

race to replace her in State Senate District 1 will be a declaration of how we want our democracy to treat people in the future. What are our choices?

As a Littleton house member at the time of the unpleasantness, David Rochefort, who is the Republican candidate running to fill Ms. Gendreau's seat, was silent, conspicuously silent, when a public statement of inclusiveness would have been helpful and expected. Rochefort also voted to further attacks on reproductive rights, refused to provide women "plan B" medication at his pharmacy for religious reasons, and voted to divert more public school funding to private and religious schools through vouchers.

Rochefort is Gendreau's rooster, who is never going to lay any eggs for us.

Local businessman, fire-

fighter, and Search and Rescue captain Rusty Talbot is Rochefort's Democratic opponent. Rusty is committed to uniting the North Country by including and listening to everyone. He will ensure that the residents of Senate District 1 are getting the respect they deserve from Concord. I know Rusty will not allow this Senate seat to be used for hidden religious agendas.

I'll be voting for Rusty Talbot on November 5th.

One last thing. Despite her misapplied priorities, Ms. Gendreau, soon returning to private life, will still be one of "us," deserving of the same basic respect and inclusion as any other member of our democracy. She may not be there yet, nor we, but sometimes these stories go on longer than we can foresee, and end in forgiveness.

Katharine Terrie  
Littleton, NH

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# TODD ECK FOR



# GRAFTON COUNTY SHERIFF

With over 27 years of continuous law enforcement experience, Todd Matthew Eck has been making a positive difference for the communities he serves. Working in multiple agencies right here in Grafton County, Todd has served as a local Patrol Officer, a County Deputy Sheriff, a S.W.A.T. team member, a Corrections Training Sergeant, a Corrections Academy Instructor and Proctor, a Patrol Sergeant, a Police Lieutenant, and as Department Prosecutor. Todd Matthew Eck is currently serving as the Chief of Police for the Town of Bath NH. He has established a history of effective leadership and responsible management of resources.

Importantly, Todd Matthew Eck also brings his individual life experience. Prior to his career in law enforcement Todd was a laborer in construction, was employed in the food service industry, and worked on a production line in a factory while also earning an Associate's Degree in Police Science. Todd and his wife Janine have enjoyed raising their two children here in Grafton County.

Todd's diverse criminal justice background and life experience has prepared him to successfully fulfill the duties of the Grafton County Sheriff.

### As Grafton County Sheriff, Todd Matthew Eck will -

- Manage the Department budget in the most fiscally responsible way.
- Commit to fulfilling the duties of the Sheriff as the departments first operational priority on day one.
- Collaborate with State and local agencies to share resources and reduce crime.
- Listen to and respond to the law enforcement concerns of the residents of Grafton County.
- Endeavor to meet or exceed realistic expectations.
- Communicate effectively with the County Commissioners and delegates.
- Support investigative programs like the Internet Crimes Against Children investigative unit which currently operates out of the Grafton County Sheriff's Department, and the NH Drug Task Force.
- Preserve and protect our rights granted to us under the New Hampshire, and the United States Constitutions.
- Fairly and impartially enforce the laws of New Hampshire.
- Maintain the highest professional standards.
- Continue to make a positive difference for the community of Grafton County by serving with integrity.

Before casting your vote on November 5th for Grafton County Sheriff, please take the time to research each candidate and the position they are campaigning for. Make an informed decision and vote for the best qualified person to serve the interests of all who live in Grafton County.



Learn more about Todd Matthew Eck by going to his campaign website:  
[todd-eck-4-sheriff.com](http://todd-eck-4-sheriff.com)

To the Editor,

David Rochefort and Joe Kenney in a recent opinion piece called upon us to rally in support of preserving the forest land of the North Country against the threat posed by Aurora Sustainable Lands of North Carolina and their carbon credit scheme which could significantly limit future logging there, putting both local jobs and tax revenue at risk. However, the North Country Democratic state reps Kelley, Cascaddin, and Noel, were on top of this issue from the get-go, sounding the alarm and sponsoring legislation to address it. But beyond this, these Democrats are also actively fighting even more major threats to local tax revenue - specifically the Republican fiscal policies that are causing our local property taxes to skyrocket. Here's how:

1) Reinstating the Republican-repealed Interest and Dividends Tax. This tax, which brings in over \$180 million to state coffers available for roads, bridges, schools, and government services, is set to be repealed a year from now. Re-

publicans want to let it die, while the Democrats have tried several times to restore it while coming up short. This tax only falls upon families making more than \$4,800 a year in interest and dividends from stocks and other investments. A New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute report finds that most of those benefiting from the repeal of this tax are in the top 1% income bracket with investments totaling between \$4 and \$13 million. The tax only starts accruing for households whose interest-producing investments grow beyond the quarter million dollar mark, not less. Those of us, however, in the North Country - the 99% who rely heavily upon state contributions to support our local municipalities - will have to make up the loss of state revenue available to our communities with a local property tax hike. Thus, Republicans like Rochefort, Kenney, and others, who support the repeal of the I & D tax, are causing our property taxes to increase while cutting wealth taxes for the rich. The Democrats are fighting to stop them.

2) Opposing Education Freedom Accounts. These Republicans support the EFA program, which takes public tax dollars away from the state's Education Trust Fund meant for our public schools and gives it to students who attend private, religious, and homeschooling - forcing us taxpayers to increase our local property taxes to just keep those public schools afloat. The program was supposed to give low income students more options, but it is paying for students from families whose incomes are up to 350% of the federal poverty level, and Republicans keep trying to raise that eligibility cap. Meanwhile, 75% of EFA recipients were already paying for their attendance at private and religious schools before the program started. We taxpayers are, therefore, handing them money for an education they were already able to afford! Frank Edelblut, Sununu's Education Commissioner, who Kenney and Rochefort support, has championed this program, handing off oversight to a private company that the legislature can't even audit,

so we cannot see whether those tax dollars are being efficiently spent. In the meantime, our North Country public schools starve because we can't handle more property taxes, nor can we attract more community investment due to our lackluster schools. Moreover, because these Republicans also support allowing wealthier communities, who collect more than they need for their own public schools' adequate education, keep from giving their fair share to the state to meet its constitutional obligation to adequately educate all New Hampshire students, we are forced to jack up our property taxes far beyond what they should be just to give our kids a mediocre one.

There have been several education funding forums given by experts dealing with this issue, like the New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project, which conducted one such forum in SAU#36 just a week ago, organized at the suggestion of Democratic House Candidate Cathleen Fountain from Dalton. Seventy people attended, but surprisingly, not

one of the incumbent Republican candidates whose districts touch SAU#36! Not Seth King, not David Rochefort, not Sean Durkin, not Joe Kenney. Yet, rising local property taxes caused by inadequate funding of local public schools are the single biggest hurt experienced by taxpayers in the North Country, because New Hampshire, under Republican control, is dead last among the fifty states in state contributions to public education. Moreover, North Country Reps Rochefort, King, Davis, Mike Murphy, and Ouellet all voted to kill HB 1583 back in April, a bill that would have increased the level of state funding to public schools considered to be "adequate."

Yes, indeed, NH Republicans are clearly the ones raising our property taxes. Worse, they are not interested in facing local taxpayers to discuss it, not even in an election year. Time to vote them out!

Theodore Bosen  
Berlin, NH

# EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

### Martha Stroup McLeod - Let's Keep Grafton County Moving Forward

To the Editor

I'm running for re-election for the Grafton County Commissioner, District 2. As your current District 2 Commissioner I represent the residents of 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. I work jointly with the other two Grafton County Commissioners to serve as the County's Chief Executives providing oversight to the county's departments and budget.

The County Commissioners manage a budget of \$49 Million, with about \$26

million raised through local property taxes. I bring a good understanding of government budgeting having served as your County Commissioner for the last two years and on the NH House Finance Committee working on the state budget. And as a county taxpayer myself, I am a good steward of our tax dollars while supporting older adults, veterans, and families in Grafton County.

One of the main reasons I'm running for re-election is my interest in long-term care, particularly for older adults and making sure that our county nursing home provides the best care. I care that seniors and veterans have a choice of whether they want to get care at home or in our nursing home and that the care is high quality. Almost 23

percent of Grafton County residents are over the age of 65 which is considerably higher than the state average. My goal is to make sure that these residents have continued access to the health care and social services they need now and in the years to come.

To that end, I've worked with the Grafton County delegation and my fellow commissioners to reduce the amount spent on travel nurses by recruiting and retaining licensed nursing assistants at the nursing home with competitive wages while implementing a program to recruit licensed practical nurses. These initiatives have enabled the nursing home to better serve our county and significantly reduce the additional expense to pay travel nurses.

I also worked to adequately staff the County Department of Corrections by increasing the number of correction officers in the county department of corrections. Due to understaffing correction officers were working unsustainable extra schedules. Currently, the department has significantly reduced the openings for correction officers.

In the past term, the Commissioners used County ARPA money to help our towns, local non profits that serve older adults and those in recovery, and small businesses that struggled during the pandemic. And, we were able to bring in \$11 Million in federal dollars to build a middle mile broadband network to assist in bringing reliable internet service to rural parts of

Grafton County.

Affordable housing is an issue for the workforce and others in Grafton County and the Commissioners will provide ARPA money to our regional housing organizations to provide down payment assistance to low and moderate families trying to buy a home which will free up rental units for other individuals and families.

Whether it is long term care, broadband, or keeping your local property taxes stable, I am working for your interests in Grafton County.

I ask for your vote on November 5th. Thank you.

For more information contact [mcleodforcounty-commissioner@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodforcounty-commissioner@gmail.com)  
Martha McLead  
Franconia, NH

### A VERY FRIGHTENED TRUMP

To the Editor,

For years I have submitted LTEs to various publications expressing my disdain for X-president Trump. Why he should never have been in that office and why he should never be there again.

I have that blessed right to express myself, as do others - one of the great strengths of our democratic republic.

Such is the value of newspapers like this one allowing us in this country to express a diversity of opinions, well-informed or not.

I've often called Trump "scared", and a "coward" and he is and I'll make it simple for even him to understand.

The reason is one which even Trump opponents don't mention often enough, and the reason is one which his supporters never say out loud.

He's afraid of the browning of America, and so are millions of folks in this country who are also scared of this change. Black skins, brown skins, darker skins, all

### Action (or inaction) Speaks Louder Than Words

To the Editor,

Enter Kamala Harris! Recently in her campaign she has a vision for the US. She envisions getting inflation under control, controlling immigration, reducing homelessness, etc. etc. Really?? She has had nearly four years to do those things and not one of them has happened. Her "vision" is simply campaign rhetoric. It all goes away the day after the election.

Actions speak louder than words!

Instead, she and the radical left Democrats (socialists) have been focused on more important things like using proper(?) pronouns, fining conservative Christian colleges, allowing the FBI to

of those non-white skins offend Trump to the bottom of his racist soul. The population of non-whites in our country is the fastest growing demographic we have and they are voting in larger numbers than ever.

This scares Trump - a scared man can be a dangerous man and a scared man with power can pose international damage.

Multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-cultural people are all reasons for the trembling Trump.

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When asked her first question on her thoughts about people saying they were better off four years ago than now, she went off on a long, rehearsed, memorized speech that had nothing to do with the question. And she never did answer the question. But we all know the answer.

The real train wreck has been her limited interviews in the weeks since. She must be pretty desperate to go on the Call Her Daddy podcast, Howard Stern, and that biased gaggle of tweetums show, The View.

When asked if she would do anything different than Biden, she responded "nothing comes to mind" That means, if elected, four more years of high inflation, chaos at the southern border, high crime, and involvement in wars.

Harris is nothing but a manufactured candidate, taking over for a demented, failed Biden, after elites in his own party tossed him to the curb. They admitted what everyone has known right along, that the Biden/Harris administration policies have failed horribly.

To the Editor:

David Rochefort is running for State Senate in District 1, the northern most district in New Hampshire. He was raised in Lancaster, graduated from White Mountains Regional High School, and worked alongside his father at the drug store on Main Street in Lancaster. He then moved to Littleton and started a business from scratch employing people with good-paying jobs. After selling his business he successfully ran for state repre-

She has tried to distance herself from Biden in recent weeks, but she has been involved with all the decision making the past nearly four years.

Prior to joining the race, she held the lowest negative rating for a Vice President in U.S. history at minus 17. Her approval rating in January was only 28% and only improved to 32% when Biden stepped aside.

78% of Americans feel the nation is on the wrong track under the Biden/Harris administration, but yet the liberal main stream media is trying to make her out as QE3, when actually she is co culpable to the mess this country is in. I hope voters aren't that gullible. If they are, I have some oceanfront property in Phoenix I'd love to sell.

If she does somehow get elected, will she blame the 'prior administration' on the mess? That prior administration being her own.

And the press makes her clown of a VP pick out to be a great leader. Every time he comes out on stage, all I can think of is Richard Simmons reincarnated.

Her real train wreck came most recently when being interviewed by Bret Baier of FOX news. She couldn't handle real questions, ones that voters really want answers for. She is accustomed to softball questions from liberal news outlets. In 25 minutes, she failed to answer one question to give voters a take on her policies and positions. Instead, she spent the entire interview attacking President Trump. That's not what voters want. At one point she commented that one has to take responsibility of what happens in their administration. Really? Then when is she going to start taking that responsibility?

representative and has devoted a tremendous amount of time on issues that matter to his constituents.

Dave has the perfect combination of skills that transcends party. He listens, learns and is a problem solver. That's the reason so many people, regardless of party, are supporting Dave. From Haverhill to Pittsburg, and Littleton to Berlin - Dave has relationships with North Country residents stretching over a lifetime.

As a successful state rep-

Her staff even had to start waving their arms begging Bret to stop the interview, and called it an ambush. Welcome to the real world Kamala. People want real answers to real questions, not lies and promises to lure in votes.

Many that plan to vote for President Trump, made that decision long ago. There are a lot of voters that are still on the fence about Harris. To those people consider these things: real per capita disposable income growth was 24% under Trump. It's minus 4.4% under Biden/Harris. The S&P 500 was up 65% under Trump, and less than 50% under Biden/Harris. Inflation, measured by the CPI, was 7.7% under Trump, 19.9% under Biden/Harris. That is just a few of many of the Biden/Harris failures.

Probably the most important election of our lifetime is just a short time away. Be sensible when you vote. Did you know that in 2020, 56% of the votes for Biden were not in support for him and his policies, but only because of hatred for President Trump? Look where that got us. Please don't make the same mistake twice with Harris.

If people vote with their head, heart and pocket-books, for the sake of our country, President Trump should win in a landslide, and we get the opportunity to return to the prosperity we enjoyed before with his successful policies. If they vote with their hatred, we get four more years of high inflation, higher gas prices, continued chaos on the southern border, high crime and involvement in wars, and a host of other failures. You decide...

Jeffrey R. Delaney  
No. Haverhill, NH

representative, Dave is ready to tackle the issues that matter most to us north of the notches. He has the skills, temperament, and knowledge needed to seamlessly move from the house to the senate.

Please join me on Tuesday, November 5th and vote for David Rochefort for NH State Senate.

Sincerely, Brad Bailey  
Monroe

To the Editor,

In brief response to the too many in NH who believe that an "AR" is a weapon of war, and that Christian faith has no place in making political decisions ESPECIALLY in

### Misrepresentation by my opponent

To the Editor,

Unable to attend the Candidates' Forum held at Profile High School on the night of Tuesday, October 1, 2024, I was astonished to read the misrepresentations elicited by my opponent as to my proposals for the different aspects of the Grafton County Complex and the taxpayers of Grafton County in my position of Grafton County Commissioner, District 2, encompassing approximately 20 towns in Grafton County. My opponent's misrepresentations hit a nerve with me, and I feel I must rectify her falsehoods.

First, my opponent insinuates that I am unconcerned and a non-advocate for the citizens of Grafton County! Nothing could be further from the truth! I guess she has not read, nor studied, my lengthy resume for if she had, she would see how compassionate and concerned I am for our vulnerable citizens and our vital workers of our Grafton County Complex. Additionally, I am also very concerned for the well-being of all Grafton County taxpayers.

I have been a strong advocate for all categories of people... the residents and nursing staff in our historic nursing facility based upon the advocacy I extended to my father when he was placed in a nursing facility when we lived in RI.

As a Navy veteran, I advocated for my country, my ship, and my shipmates aboard the aircraft carrier, USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67), and vol-

unteering to serve, TAD, aboard the battleship, USS New Jersey (BB-62) during the Viet Nam Conflict. I would continue to advocate for all military veterans. Thank you for your service!

I advocated for my Elementary and Middle school children throughout my 35-year, veteran teaching career in an aging building in an inner-city, public school system. Many of the children I taught came from fatherless, single-mom households. It was a city with multi-lingual, multi-racial, multi-cultural children who had easy access to cigarettes and drugs. Education and early guidance and intervention was promoted to help our kids from making bad decisions regarding their mental and physical health.

I advocated for prison inmates in High Security, Medium Security (PC), and Work Release by teaching GED at the state prison system in RI so that these men could re-start their lives in a positive way.

By traveling to area high schools in northern RI, I advocated for single moms by teaching Evening GED classes to them so they could become self-sufficient caregivers in resuming their lives and the lives of their children.

I advocated for minorities by teaching GED to new arrivals and ESL students and young adults in the Providence and East Providence Adult Education Programs where I acted, not only as teacher, but as Evening Supervisor.

As Teacher Representative to the RI Em-

ployees Retirement System, I advocated for 40,000 public school teachers, Correctional Officers, State Police personnel, DOT workers, school administrators, municipal employees such as local police and fire personnel, state workers, and whomever else was in the RI Pension System to help prevent raids on our pension monies by the State Investment Commission among others.

For ten years, I advocated the religious teachings and the righteous moral values/standards of The Holy Bible to Grafton County children of St. Rose of Lima Parish throughout the Greater Littleton area towns by facilitating & serving as Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). I owe the success of this endeavor to the parents and many volunteers of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

I taught skiing at Loon Mountain to Beginning Skiers, Youth Skiers, and Adult Skiers as well as many from visiting countries in order to introduce the recreational opportunities of the mountains of the State of New Hampshire and promote its business advantages.

So, in conclusion, I have been advocating for all segments of our varied groups of citizens all of my life! I will do the same for all segments of Grafton County residents and taxpayers! I would be a "new set of eyes" in solving the myriad issues encompassing the Grafton County Complex and its taxpayers.

Gratefully,  
Nick De Mayo,  
Sugar Hill, NH

To the Editor,

Many, Many Thanks to the 30 members of the Woodsville High School National Honor Society, and their advisor Ms. Janeline Mulliken, who gathered on Friday, October 11, at the Bedell Bridge Park to do their semi-an-

nual maintenance. They have done an amazing, wonderful job of clearing and pushing back the edges of the trails so that the views of the slough and the Park's surroundings are lovely! Your readers might like to know that they have been doing

this since 2018, first with advisor Scott Edwards and now with Ms. Mulliken. My brother and I want everyone to know how much we appreciate all they have done for this beautiful Park.  
Susan Brown  
Enfield, NH

To the Editor,

As a woman, a mother and a family doctor, I am deeply concerned threats against reproductive freedom have even spread to NH. Rusty Talbot is the best candidate to protect reproductive freedom in the NH Senate. His opponent has made clear his belief that women should not be free to make their own decisions about when, if or how to have a family.

As a family physician, I have cared for many patients and their families who faced some sort of reproductive health decision. The common thread is their decisions about their bodies were unique and needed to be theirs. No matter what the reproductive health decision - breast cancer treat-

### Who me?

To the Editor,

The NH GOP are at again - sowing chaos and lies at the last minute of the campaign cycle. In 2020 it was claiming that Sue Ford was promoting an income tax - pure hogwash. In 2022 it was claiming that Edie Tucker voted for an income tax - a complete lie. In 2024, it is casting doubt that Rusty Talbot has been a resident of NH long enough to even run - another completely made up story - a lie.

In 2022, when Carrie Gendreau was asked to have the income tax-claiming signs removed. Her response was: "I didn't put up the signs," and she did nothing.

In 2024, when David Rochefort was queried about the mud-slinging mailer, he claimed no prior knowledge, but he managed to use the opportunity to add

ment, fibroid surgery, pregnancy complications or sexual assault - everyone deserves the right to make healthcare decisions for themselves. No politician should ever presume to know better. No politician should be allowed to reduce women's freedoms. Reducing or eliminating women's reproductive rights impacts everyone.

Rusty Talbot understands this and trusts women. He supports reproductive freedom no matter how that looks for you and the women in your life.

Vote for Rusty Talbot on November 5th to preserve and protect reproductive rights in NH.

Jennifer Childs-Roshak, MD  
Sugar Hill, NH

fuel to the fire saying: "It came from the state party, not my campaign, so I was as surprised as anyone. I don't know the veracity of the claims, but I do think that it raises some important questions."

This is slimeball, insinuation politics at best and more like trying to keep your skirt clean while up to your knees in mud.

I'm all for a hard-waged campaign with disagreements and differences on ideas and policies, but David and the NH GOP Senate Committee are up to their eyes in lies, innuendo and dirty rotten politics. No vote for them from me. I'll stick with the guy working to develop ideas and policies for making things better for all of us in the North Country...., Rusty Talbot.  
Chuck Phillips  
Bethlehem

# LETTERS

(and even some real words)

## From The Editor

Readers will notice that I have not answered each Letter to the Editor in this edition. There were simply too many, and space is too valuable to do so.

Whether or not you agree with any of these letter writers is not the point. It is the fact that every one of them has the right to write such a letter, whether in favor of, or opposed to and candidate.

Please do your part in the political process, be sure to cast your ballot on November 5, or if you can not do it them, please vote by way of absentee ballot. Either way the process is normally not that difficult, and your fellow Americans are counting on you do do so.

By the way we had a vacation to remember.  
Gary Scruton, Editor



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# Cinnamon Apple Cake

sliced and cut into bite size pieces

2 cups of all purpose flour  
1/2 tsp salt  
4 tsp ground cinnamon  
4 tsp baking powder  
4 large eggs  
2 cups white sugar  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
4 tsp white sugar  
1 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and lightly flour a 9x13 baking dish. In medium bowl put flour, salt, cinnamon, and baking powder and whisk to mix well then set aside. In large bowl beat eggs and sugar together until all combined at least 5 minutes. Add oil mix well then add vanilla and mix well. Fold in apples and walnuts until all covered and combined. Pour into prepared baking dish. Mix the 4 tsp white sugar and 1 tsp cinnamon in small bowl then sprinkle over the top. Bake for 50-60 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Mine took 60 minutes but check at 50 minutes. Cool on wire rack then cut with a serrated knife into squares as you use them. Serve with ice cream, yummy. You are done!!

Easy peasy and "Delicioso". If you want you can cut this recipe in half and use a smaller baking dish and cut baking time. It makes a lot so you can share with your friends and neighbors. My wonderful friend and neighbor Diane let me use her oven and as it was baking the whole house smelled great. Yes I'm still without an oven!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe so please give it a try. It's a nice way to use extra apples. Your family will love it and say you are a star, enjoy!

Until next time stay safe and healthy my friends. I am signing off now!

Sincerely,  
Cin Pin

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay just adjusting to the very cool weather. We had a little hard freeze a couple of days ago so I brought all my plants in. They have gotten so big I really don't know where I'm going to put them all. It's supposed to warm up for several days so I think I'm going to put them back on the deck and try to figure out what I will do with them. There was a big beautiful full moon out the other night. On the news they said if you are lucky you could also see a comet. I guess I wasn't lucky because I couldn't find any comet. I checked for a few nights but other than the big moon and some stars I couldn't find the comet. It wasn't totally clear so maybe I just wasn't lucky. Hopefully maybe you were lucky enough to see it. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. I used 3 honey-crisp and 2 Granny Smith apples. They were on the big side but I used 5 to follow the recipe. If your apples are big I believe 4 large apples would have worked so use your judgment. It looks like a lot of apples but they shrink down.

Ingredients  
5 apples peeled, cored,

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