Letters & Opinion

Note of Thanks

To the editor:

Thank you to all of our family and friends that attended benefit July 23 and to remember John Bachman https://www.facebook.com/W1JGB. It was awesome to see such a large turnout. We all still miss him dearly every day and the support from our friends is an enormous help as we struggle with moving forward. A special thank you to the Casual 6 band for all you did with putting this night together. As usual the performance was great! Also the Amherst Golf C.C. who did an outstanding job hosting! Also a big thank you to individual and local community businesses for

Also a big thank you to individual and local community businesses for their generous donations, some of which were, Style Salon, The Homestead Grocery and Deli, Charlie's Auto, LaBelle Winery, SkyDive Pepperell, Amherst C.C. and County Stores. Proceeds from the benefit will be given to the Milford Varsity Baseball and Anti-Texting Awareness.

> The family of John Bachman Amherst

Let's Take a STEP in the RIGHT Direction!

To the editor:

On Thursday, June 5th, I again filed to run in the Republican Primary for one of the three State Representative seats in Amherst. Having previously served four terms, I feel I have, and can again, effectively represent the interest and needs of the people of Amherst.

During the 2010-2012 Legislative Session, as Chairman of Ways and Means I helped craft one of the most accurate revenue forecasts in the State's history, and was instrumental in closing a \$900 MILLION DOL-LAR state budget deficit.

If you, the citizens of Amherst, choose to elect me as your representative, I will focus on producing a balanced budget, which meets the needs of the citizens of New Hampshire, without raising taxes and/or fees. I will also work on regaining our lost New Hampshire advantage. We need to once again, make New Hampshire the state to start or grow a business. We can accomplish this by reducing regulations set on businesses and decreasing the Business Profits Tax. Instead of businesses moving to New Hampshire to escape the tax and regulatory environment that stifles growth, companies are now fleeing New Hampshire to other locations such as Massachusetts for the same reason. New Hampshire, which once led the New England region in economic growth and job creation, now follows the rest of the region. It's time to get it back! Let's take a STEP in the RIGHT Direction!

I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote in the upcoming Primary, and then again in the November election.

Sincerely, Stephen B. Stepanek Amherst

"I Promise To Be Your Voice In Concord"

To the editor:

In June, I filed for re-election to the New Hampshire House of Represen-



Thanks to Local Businesses

To the editor:

Congratulations to the Amherst Middle School 8th grade Graduates. In the fall 221 students will be moving onto high school. The class had a wonderful 8th grade graduation party at Jasper Valley Swim & Tennis club on June 10th.

The 8th Grade Graduation Party Committee would like to thank all the students, parents, volunteers, chaperones, AMS office staff, Amherst PD, Jasper Valley Swim & Tennis Club, CDS, Kona Ice Truck and Bertucci's for a successful evening of food and fun.

Thanks to these local bunesses for their generous donations to our 8th Grade Party Raffle:

• BJ's • Black Forest Café • Bravo's Pizza • Burger King • Conway Arena • Costco • Dicks Sporting Goods • Dunkin Donuts • Friday's • The Good Loaf • Hampshire Hills • Hannafords • Home Depot • Homestead • Jasper Valley Swim & Tennis • Longhorn • Market Basket • Moultons • Noni's Toffee • Orange Leaf • P.J. MacWilliam's Bon Bon • Shaw's • Tastee Kone • The Chocolate Fanatic • Toadstool Bookshop • Texas Roadhouse • Uno's • Walmart

Congratulations to the class of 2018!

Have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely, Karen Facey 8th Grade Graduation Party Committee

Why New Hampshire Appears Unable to Grow Jobs

To the editor:

According to a recent report, "Taxachusetts" now has a lower business tax burden than NH. For decades, we have ridiculed Massachusetts for its high taxes. Now it seems that our business tax rates are even higher than theirs. Among the six New England states, NH is outranked by both Connecticut and Massachusetts for low business taxes.

Did you know that the share of NH state taxes paid by businesses is al-



Amherst Village Tour Fascinating!

To the editor:

My husband and I recently led a tour through the beautiful colonial village of Amherst, in order to show some friends our historic town. We have lived here for 30 years and never took the time to do a walking tour before.

So, I went to the town library and they gave me several informative books written by local historian, Robert Rowe, and the Amherst Historical Society. This was no dry reading, as so many interesting anecdotes of colonial citizens were included. Notable people and places mentioned were: the Col. Means Mansion, where President Franklin Pierce was married; the Second Courthouse, where Daniel Webster made his first legal plea; the Spalding Mansion, where the owner, Dr. Spalding, worked with Dr. Jennings, who discovered the smallpox vaccine; Meadowview Cemetery, where a true Civil War hero is buried; and the Village Green, where the Declaration of Independence was read for the first time on July 18, 1776.

We are thankful that the village has been so well preserved and everyone on the tour thought it was fascinating! I encourage you to discover the village for yourself. You will be glad you did!

> Sincerely, Margaret Waterman Amherst

Pam Coughlin Seeks Re-Election

To the editor:

My name is Pam Coughlin and I am running for re-election in the Republican Primary for Register of Deeds in Hillsborough County. The Registry of Deeds is a constitutionally elected office. As Register, I am responsible for collecting Real Estate Transfer Taxes and maintaining all records regarding real estate transactions. During the fiscal year 2014, the Registry raised over 25.7 million dollars in revenue for the State of New Hampshire.

I graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Portsmouth High School. I have been married for 39 years with 4 children to Lieutenant Colonel John Coughlin, Army National Guard, who served three tours in Iraq.

As your Current Register of Deeds, I initiated and adopted a Property Fraud Alert program for the citizens of Hillsborough County. The Property Fraud Alert program is a FREE service offered by the Registry of Deeds to help protect Hillsborough County against property fraud. The website is: www.nhdeeds.com or call 1-800-728-3858. I am PAM COUGHLIN and I am seeking your support for re-election in the Republican Primary for the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on September 9, 2014.

tatives from Hillsborough County, District 22. Serving the people of Amherst has been my honor and I ask the voters to allow me to continue.

When I ran for the seat in 2012, I promised to represent Amherst with common sense, civility and cooperation. I have done so. The past biennium has seen a greater level of bipartisan cooperation than has existed in decades. Not coincidentally, the New Hampshire legislature has been successful in addressing challenges facing the state. Together, we passed a balanced budget which reflected our New Hampshire values, restored services to our neediest citizens, championed education and bolstered our economy. Together, we passed Medicaid expansion, insuring that 50,000 of our hard-working citizens would have access to healthcare. Together, we recognized the importance of maintaining and improving our infrastructure because to fail to do so would have dire consequences for our economy and our quality of life.

I look forward to representing the district for the next two years. Together, we will continue to find New Hampshire solutions to New Hampshire challenges. As your state representative, I promise to be your voice in Concord. I will be, as I have been, a civil, constant and thoughtful advocate for our Amherst values and priorities.

> Sincerely, Shannon Chandley Amherst

Letters To the editor:

The Amherst Citizen is eager to serve as a community forum. We welcome your letters, opinions, and commentaries and make every effort to run them in their entirety. We do reserve the right to edit. The views and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the position of the staff of *The Amherst Citizen*.

Please direct your letters, views and commentary to the Editor, *The Amherst Citizen*, P.O. Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031-0291, or e-mail your submission to: news@amherstcitizen.com. We will attempt to run your letter as submitted (space permitting) providing it is signed and phone number is included. most 60%? In Massachusetts, businesses pay about 35% of the state's taxes. NH businesses pay the fourth highest percentage of state taxes in the entire country.

With businesses paying so much of our taxes and employing most of our people, shouldn't we want more businesses, hiring more employees, paying more taxes? Sadly, Governor Hassan and House Democrats have done nothing to encourage businesses to move to or expand in NH. Of the 180 Democrat bills passed by the House, not a single one makes NH more attractive for business.

Some 20 years ago a Democratic Presidential candidate remarked that "You cannot be pro-jobs and anti-business at the same time. You cannot love employment and hate employers."!

NH House Democrats this year have passed some 30 bills that make life a little more difficult, a little more expensive for businesses. None of those bills alone will kill a business, but together they will make some businesses decide, "It's just not worth it. Too much hassle, too much risk." Collectively, they create a "Closed for Business" sign around NH.

There were some bills that were ever so slightly pro-business. Democrats sponsored some; Republicans sponsored many more. But all of those pro-business bills were killed.

In a recent poll, 74% said we are still in a recession. It's no wonder: Employment is miserable. GDP growth is pathetic. Median family income is down for four straight years. If you are like most people, you think our representatives should be working to help the economy grow and create more jobs. The Democrats in Concord have not been doing that, nor have they made any effort to fix the problems with Obama Care such as people losing their hospitals, their doctors, their plans, and seeing 35% increases in their premiums and deductibles.

Another hot button for Democrats is voter identification. They offered four separate bills that would make it easier for out-of-state persons to vote fraudulently in NH. They claim that there is no voter fraud but how can you find fraud if you don't look for it? Last year, North Carolina strengthened its voter ID laws; this year they are investigating some 800 cases of apparent fraud, and another 35,000 cases of possible fraud and NH just finished- finally - prosecuting the one of many voter fraud cases in our state.

Please consider these issues as election time sneaks up on us while we all take well earned vacations and down time.

Rep. Peter T. Hansen Hills. District 22 Amherst Thank you. Pamela Coughlin Amherst

Nino Running for State Delegate

To the editor:

Our country is a shining example of a government by the people.. It is personal involvement at the most very basic level of politics that keeps our government under the watchful eyes of the people, and it keeps the government in touch with the people. As such, I have filed for candidacy in the race for Republican Delegate to the State convention. I have been talking to folks and putting up signs around town in order to get the word out. I've found a great many people here in Amherst are favorable with a constitutionalist like me. They like the rights laid out in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S and N.H constitutions and are glad to see that there are people willing to stand up and fight for these rights. As a veteran, it is an all too familiar task and I am proud to do it. There are, however, those folks whom I've spoken with that do not favor the constitutions, or that I'm involved in politics. Some have calmly discussed the issues at hand, while others have used belligerence and vulgarity to try to bully me out of politics. Let's keep the debates and discussions civil so that we can solve our problems together as a nation. There is no need to shout and curse. Don't take down candidates' signs, they have a right to put them out and it is also theft. We are not a Banana Republic, so let's not act like one.

> Anthony Nino Amherst

