

Letters & Opinion

Thanks from Scouts of Troop 22

To the editor:

Thank you [to the town of Amherst] for your support in donating to keep our troop running without our awesome community our troop wouldn't be where it is today. We are all so thankful for your generous donations to our troop during our recent annual troop yard sale.

We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely
Scouts of Troop 22
Amherst

Shaheen Supports Our Vets

To the editor:

When our young men and women go abroad to protect the American people, we need to be sure that they are supported appropriately once they are back home. As we have all become aware, the Veterans' Administration has not been looking after our returned vets as they should especially in relationship to their health care.

We people in New Hampshire have a senator in Jeanne Shaheen who has been a stalwart in leading the legislative charge to better support veterans' health care and other benefits. In 2009, she introduced a bipartisan Veterans Health Equity Act which would approve and fund a full-service medical center in New Hampshire. While still working on this issue, she has successfully fought for new veterans' clinics in the North Country, Keene, and Manchester.

Jeanne sponsored legislation to expand mental health care for the National Guard, Reserves, and their families which is now the law. She has been able to increase funding for homeless vets too.

In 2013, Jeanne was critical of the Obama Administration's inability to cut down the wait times for veterans' health care services. Consequently, she introduced legislation to fund legal clinics designed to help cut down on the veterans' benefits backlog.

In 2014, Jeanne cosponsored an expansion of veterans' health care, tuition and job training benefits. Earlier in 2011, she cosponsored legislation which would give businesses tax credits for hiring vets. For vets trying to start their own business, Jeanne introduced legislation that would give them a lower cost small business loan.

The evidence is in! Jeanne has been fully supportive of our veterans in many ways. We can thank her for that outstanding work and continue to support her re-election this coming fall.

Nancy Iannuzzelli
Amherst

5 Point Test to Protect NH Citizens

To the editor:

In the State House, legislators are faced with hundreds of bills covering all sorts of subject matter. Some bills are lengthy and complex, others just replace a word here and there, some come with a hefty price tag to taxpayers and others didn't cost more than the printing costs. So, how is a legislator to methodically review these bills while protecting your money, property and liberty?

I have created a 5 Point Test by which to analyze legislation that comes before me in the State Senate should I be elected this fall. The test consists of five questions designed to protect your money, property and liberty:

1. What will this bill cost the taxpayers?
2. Will this bill raise or implement new taxes or fees?
3. What are the long-term effects of this bill?
4. Does this bill infringe on individual rights?
5. Does this bill expand state government?

In sum, legislation must be prudent and cost-effective in the near- and long-term. It must at all times fully respect the individual liberties guaranteed by our State and Federal Constitutions. If legislation fails this test, I will vote against it. The same goes for last-minute amendments.

A full explanation for each of the questions in my 5 Point Test is located on the "Issues" section of my campaign web site - www.votemooney.com. My goal is to always vote in the best interest of the citizens of Amherst, Merrimack, Milford, and Wilton.

The Republican primary is on September 9.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Candidate for the State Senate -
District 11 (Amherst, Merrimack,
Milford, Wilton)

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.

A Plan for New Hampshire

To the editor:

Let's compare Governor Hassan's latest attempts at generating business to The Havenstein Plan.

Governor Hassan, with an entourage of hangers on in tow, went to Turkey at your expense, to cold call for business. The results? Nothing! If they had gotten any orders you would be hearing about it.

Walt Havenstein's plan is as simple as it is effective. Since it is so simple it is doable. Since it is the basics of marketing, it is proven to be effective.

His plan? Get New Hampshire's house in order to be attractive to business, then go to businesses in states around us, who vacation here to tell them how we can help them to move easily to the environment they already love.

Simple and effective, THAT is the Havenstein plan.

Thank you for reading.

David McConville
Amherst

Vote Mark Vincent for Republican Delegate

To the editor:

On September 9th, Amherst voters will head to the polls to make some important choices on nominees for state, federal, and county offices. Those who take a Republican ballot will also find they have a choice of delegates to the Republican Convention. I am Mark Vincent, Chairman of the Amherst Republican Committee, and my name will be one of those you will see at the bottom of the ballot. I ask for your vote on primary day.

I have had the honor and privilege of being the Amherst Republican Chairman for the past 4 years. I also serve as Treasurer for the Hillsborough County Republican Committee and as Area 3 Vice Chairman for the New Hampshire Republican State Committee. In all of these roles I have worked to build our Republican Party at the local, county, and state level and elect candidates who will bring our common sense conservative agenda of limited government, low taxes, and individual liberty to the State House and to Washington. Our platform represents these values and one of the two duties of the Republican delegates is to vote on changes to the platform at our September convention. The other responsibility of the delegates is to elect the members of the Republican State Committee who will serve in the next two year term. As delegate, I will support limited changes to our platform that will reinforce or clarify our already strong statements in favor of conservative principles. And I will vote for committee members who will do the work that must be done to fundraise, conduct voter outreach, and get our candidates elected.

Please vote Vincent on September 9th for Republican Delegate.

Mark Vincent
Amherst

Vote For Nate Jensen September 9

To the editor:

Since declaring my candidacy for State Representative, I have been humbled by the strong support I have received from so many people in Amherst. Thank you all for your continued encouragement and good wishes. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and will work hard to merit the support you have given me. If nominated on September 9th, I will carry this momentum through to Election Day and beyond.

My past experience in politics as a U.S. Diplomat in Syria, Iraq and Vietnam, as well as my time as a businessman and entrepreneur in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, has prepared me well for the task of representing our town in Concord. I am running for this office out of a deep and decades long commitment to our state and a strong sense of duty to serve the town that has given me and my family so much.

In this time of great uncertainty for our state and our nation, I think it is important that people with integrity, energy and experience step forward to work together to solve our problems. I am a conservative by political philosophy and I will work hard to advance conservative ideas, but I respect that many on the left have the same goals at heart. In the end we must find a way to move forward together.

Please vote for me on September 9th in the Republican primary election.

Best regards,
Nate Jensen
Amherst

Support Peter Hansen for NH House of Representatives

To the editor:

I will have served the people of Amherst for 4 years and need your support for re-election. I have worked closely with others and at times solely to insure that NH and Amherst remain as we know it. Much has been accomplished, the health of our state, and overall wellbeing of Amherst citizens and businesses remains secure for now.

In the past 4 years I and fellow House members have stopped the unsustainable spending proposed by our current and past governors. As much as 1.2 billion dollars in proposed spending (and more taxes) was defeated insuring for now that no broad based tax(es) were introduced in NH and that your kids and grandkids will enjoy NH as we know it.

I am proud to have co-sponsored the bill which fast-tracks Amherst's bridges and prouder still to have been the primary sponsor for a new law which adds two "civilians" -with no law affiliations - to our New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council further insuring those who do not belong on our police forces remain so.

Finally I am fortunate to have been selected to the House Committee which is and has been for some time striving to resolve the massive 4 billion dollar underfunding of our state employees retirement system. Our past, present, and future employees deserve a sound, funded, and affordable retirement plan just as the private sector enjoys. We continue that work today. I am pleased to note as part of this endeavor the retirement system is diligently investigating and rectifying fraud and misapplication of awards further insuring the future of the system for the retirees.

My close relationship and intervention with key personnel in state agencies resulted in a number of constituents quickly and successfully resolving their issues.

Experience really matters in Concord. My voting record and tireless efforts on behalf of the voters, the town and our state establish my commitment. I ask that you allow me to continue to serve you and vote for Peter Hansen in the September 9th primary election. And Please VOTE.

Rep. Peter Hansen
District 22 Hillsborough

Girl Scout Project



Claire Sullivan and Evelyn Dowd's Girl Scout Bronze Award project was to collect and donate shoes to SHARE Outreach for children and adults in need. They learned a few facts about shoes. Humans throw away over seven hundred thousand tons of clothes annually, including shoes. An estimated three hundred million children aren't able to get a pair of decent shoes. SHARE Outreach Clothing Barn was started by Mariette Faques more than twenty-five years ago. SHARE Outreach Clothing Barn is located in Milford and donates to Mont Vernon, Amherst, Milford, and Brookline. Volunteers sort the clothing donated by size and gender and put them on the shelves. We organized a shoe drive/yard sale and rewarded donors with a chocolate chip cookie or a yard sale coupon. The goal was one hundred pairs of shoes. Claire and Evelyn got twenty-five pairs more than the goal and consider the project was a success.

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