

Letters & Opinion

Thank You to Primary Voters

To the editor:

I want to thank the people of Amherst for voting in the September 9th primary election. I, now, respectfully, ask the citizens to vote to re-elect me to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in the November 4th general election.

As your representative, I have worked hard to advance those principles which we as a community embrace. I successfully cosponsored and advocated for legislation to ensure pay equity, to secure funds for bridge restoration and to establish a plan for New Hampshire's economic development. I cosponsored and championed on the floor of the House, Joshua's Law which established the crime of domestic violence.

Upon election to the House in 2012, I was appointed by Speaker Terie Norelli to chair the House Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee was comprised of eleven Democrats and nine Republicans. It was essential to me that our committee work collegially and respectfully to address the issues before us. As individuals, the members had and expressed their differences of opinion.

As chairperson, I encouraged this in order that we might develop policy in the best interest of the people of New Hampshire. I am proud to say that among both Democrats and Republicans, I earned a reputation for fairness. Moreover, we achieved consensus on most of the bills before us.

As your state representative, I will continue to be your voice in Concord. I will continue to be a steadfast and thoughtful advocate for our Amherst values and priorities.

Sincerely,
Shannon Chandley
Amherst

Thank You for Your Votes

To the editor:

I want to thank the Mont Vernon and New Boston voters for the strong state representative primary vote to continue on to the November 4, 2014 general election.

All of us should know that these victories are shared with those who support us. We also know or should know they have no meaning if they are considered personal victories; rather they are a request from the voters to go forward and keep our promises.

In every election in which my Mont Vernon and New Boston neighbors have put their trust in my representing them, I have attempted to keep my eyes on the legislative prize of a caring, but limited government, low taxes, strong and supported families, and, most especially, of liberty founded on personal responsibility. Reaching for those goals is still my promise and that will continue to be a promise that I keep.

Sincerely,
Rep. William O'Brien
Hillsborough District 5
Mont Vernon, New Boston

Thank You For Voting

To the editor:

I would like to thank all of the Americans- Republican, Democrat and Independent, who took the time to go to the polls on September 9th and exercise their right to vote.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported my candidacy for State Representative.

I believe our State is at a crossroads. Thirty-six years ago I moved to New Hampshire to start my first business specifically because of the "New Hampshire Advantage" - low taxes, minimal regulations and a welcoming business environment. Today the New Hampshire advantage is dead. We have some of the HIGHEST BUSINESS TAXES in the country; higher even than "Taxachusetts"! We license over two hundred business activities and professions. Compare that with California who finds it necessary to license only forty-five. We talk about our low unemployment, but that is only because 106,000 New Hampshire residents have gone to Massachusetts to find work. In the 80s and 90s, businesses were flocking to New Hampshire; we had the fastest growing economy in the Northeast. Today, businesses are leaving New Hampshire in droves, and for where? Business friendly Massachusetts!

I ask for your support again in November, and I ask you to also support candidates like Walt Havenstein, who are committed to reviving the New Hampshire Advantage. We must reduce spending, taxes and regulations, and we must make New Hampshire the Economic Engine it once was! If we don't, we'll all find ourselves working a whole lot harder for a whole lot less, and we'll be doing it in Massachusetts!

Stephen Stepanek
Amherst

Thanks to Those Who Voted For Me, Helped Me and Contributed To My Campaign

To the editor:

I would like to sincerely thank those who voted for me, helped me and contributed to my campaign for the State Senate in the towns of Merrimack, Amherst, Milford and Wilton. Since the campaign started in June, so many of you took valuable time from your jobs, families and friends to help. I appreciate all the hard work that went into spreading my message of limited government, lower spending and protecting Constitutional rights and liberties. The strong second place finish in a crowded field was a testament to all of your hard work and dedication, and we could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney

Julie Radhakrishnan Is Running For State Representative

To the editor:

My name is Julie Radhakrishnan and I am running for State Representative because technology has changed the way we do business, and to effectively compete in the marketplace, we must be well equipped to do so.

The success of our state and country lies squarely on our children. They will keep us at the forefront in the marketplace therefore, we must invest in their education. I have learned from experience, as well as observed in my campaign, that the cost of education is an issue for just about everyone who has children in the school system. For this reason our young adults are choosing not to go to college, they don't want to be saddled with large student debt, since there is no guarantee that they will even find a job in their field and be able to participate in the housing market.

I am advocating the implementation of an entrepreneurial program at our high school. This program would teach the fundamental skills of how to start your own business to those children who cannot afford college.

Programs that equip our children with these types of skills would be attractive to businesses, and will bring communities and businesses together, and ultimately, will allow for growth and development in other areas such as infrastructure and conservation.

To ensure a healthy community all children need to be represented, irrespective of the reason, whether they are falling through the cracks, or are college bound, or not, I promise, I will be that voice.

I am also an advocate for social justice. Our elderly, the ones who have supported us throughout our lives, are often overlooked and under-served. I have always been an advocate for them and I will continue to do so.

Julie Radhakrishnan
Amherst

Rowe Works To Maintain Cost Effective, Citizen Friendly Government For All

To the editor:

Thank you for electing me as a Republican candidate to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Be assured if I am successful in the November election I will represent all the citizens of Amherst and New Hampshire.

As a member of the House, My priority has always been to pass legislation that is not for special interests or for short-term-fixes, but legislation that is critical for the long term benefit of the State. We have a unique quality of life here and I desire to keep it so by maintaining a cost effective, citizen friendly government for all.

However for all candidates, Republicans and Democrats, state and federal, as they go forward in their campaign, I suggest that they make a civility pledge. Keep claims against opposing candidates above-board, factual and courteous. There are policy differences, yes, but they can be expressed diplomatically.

Robert H. Rowe
Amherst
Republican candidate for the N. H. House

Scandalous Ad By Brown Supporters

To the editor:

Having lived in New Hampshire for nearly 30 years one of the things I have found refreshing is the maturity of our political dialogue. I have been able to discuss differences in political philosophy in a reasoned and respectful manner with those of opposing views. Until now that is.

As many of us have seen recently on TV ads supporting Brown, the US Senate race in NH has taken a decidedly negative turn with out-of-state conservative propagandists slinging their mud at our senator, Jeanne Shaheen. The website FACTCHECK.org has analyzed the ad and found it to contain distortions, half-truths, sloppy research, and falsehoods.

This and other decidedly negative ads of late are the trademark of superPacs that have nearly unlimited funds (thanks to the Citizens United ruling) which they use to smear and destroy respected candidates and public servants like Jeanne Shaheen. These superPacs support candidates like Scot Brown who believe they can buy their way into office here in New Hampshire.

Senator Shaheen has been serving the people of NH: in the NH legislature, as Governor, and now as our senator in Washington. She has supported many initiatives benefiting the people of NH including, programs for returning veterans, cancer research, and women's reproductive health issues.

If you are tired of these negative, out-of-state ads that attempt to destroy our leaders while adding nothing to our political discourse, please join me in spreading the word about the positive things that Senator Shaheen is trying to do in Washington and vote to return Jeanne Shaheen to the Senate on Tuesday, November 4th.

Ray Iannuzzelli
Amherst

Our State Now Faces Many Challenges

To the editor:

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for your dedication and support and for contributing your time and effort in our campaign. I was deeply moved by your expression of confidence and I am honored and humbled that you had trust in me and stood by me.

While the outcome of Tuesday's primary was not what we hoped for, I still believe in the validity of the vote. I congratulate Scott Brown on his win.

The kind notes that have come my way remind me that no other candidate can ask for a better group of supporters than we've had in this campaign. Especially in my core group of staff members, the level of dedication, hard work and sacrifice - the amount of sheer heart you've shown - speaks volumes. I'd like to give special thanks to Jack, Pat, Karen, Kevin, Sharon, Jim, Michael, Chuck and Di, Nancy, and Cindy and all the others who have helped along the way. Thank you for your patriotism and support.

One of the great consolations in any race is the passionate support you get from so many people you meet throughout the state and who share your values. Our beautiful state now faces many challenges and I urge you all to continue to fight for the principles that we hold so dear, including Pro-Life issues, Pro Second Amendment, Support of our Veterans, keeping our Constitutional Conservative values and our Rights to Liberty and Freedom. Your participation is vital to our system.

Thank you for standing by me and believing it was time for a change. My family is most grateful for all that you have done for us.

God Bless you and keep up the fight!

Senator Bob Smith
Wolfeboro

Chandley Represents Amherst With Dignity and Respect

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Shannon Chandley's reelection to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Amherst is very fortunate to have Shannon Chandley as our State Representative. Not only is she a fantastic state representative from Amherst, she is one of the best representatives in our state.

As a small business owner of PJ MacWilliam's Bon Bon, it is important to me that the state economy grow and thrive. Shannon Chandley has taken steps to insure that New Hampshire does just that. As chair of the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee, Shannon regularly met with the Commissioner and directors of the NH Department of Economic Development. When considering or proposing legislation, she reached out to stakeholders, including professionals from the Business and Industry Association (BIA), Chambers of Commerce, small business owners and their organizations.

Furthermore, Shannon Chandley established a close working relationship with the governor which gives Amherst a strong voice in Concord. Shannon has supported the governor's efforts to enhance our business climate through education, innovation, workforce development and incentives. Shannon Chandley supported Amherst families by championing K-12 education and affordable post-secondary education, including a tuition freeze at the State University System.

On top of these accomplishments, Shannon Chandley represented all of Amherst with dignity and respect. She worked tirelessly for the good of Amherst. It will be a great loss to Amherst as well as the state if Shannon Chandley is not re-elected on November 4th.

Best regards,
Kelly Conway
Amherst

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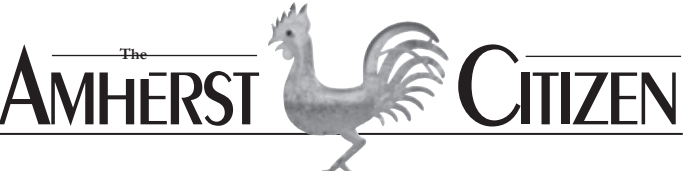
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