

# Letters & Opinion



## 38 Years of Helping Our Neighbors

### To the editor:

This year marks the 38th anniversary of the Amherst Junior Women's Club Holiday Home-Life Project. Because of the generosity of our community, we have delivered holiday food baskets to over 1000 families over the past 38 years. What a wonderful demonstration of caring for our neighbors in need.

This community project will take place at the Amherst Fire Station on the second Saturday in December. On this day, volunteers from the AJWC and the Lions Club will coordinate and deliver several baskets of canned goods and household essentials to Amherst families in need. In the baskets, we will place baked goods made by our local girl scouts, cheerful placemats drawn by students of Clark Elementary School.

Last year we delivered to more than 35 families. Given the ongoing increase of home heating fuel this year, there is no doubt. Amherst will have more families in need. Without the generous help of individuals, area businesses and organizations, this project would not be possible. We ask that citizens of Amherst consider making a monetary donation to this project. Any amount you give will make a difference in your neighbor's hearts and homes this holiday season.

Your tax deductible contribution may be sent to the Amherst Junior Women's Club, Home-Life Project, P.O. Box 513, Amherst, New Hampshire 03031. 100% of your donation goes directly to those families in need.

Thank you very much and we wish you and your families a warm holiday season.

*Christa Roth, Home-Life Chairperson  
Amherst Junior Women's Club*

Please cut here and return your generous contribution in an envelope with checks made payable to: Amherst Junior Women's Club, Home-Life Project P.O. Box 513, Amherst, New Hampshire 03031

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## Rowe Works to Improve Quality of Life For Citizens

### To the editor:

I ask for your vote on November 4th to return me to the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

In my prior terms, I have worked to secure legislation that improved the quality of life for all citizens of New Hampshire and Amherst. Of special importance to me is legislation that is not special interest legislation or quick fixes, but laws that will benefit citizens decades in the future. Two examples of bills that I have been personally involved and instrumental in passing into law over the past few terms include:

First is the reorganization of the court system that established the Circuit Court. This court is a consolidation of the District Court, Probate Court and Family Court. The Circuit Court will bring the court system closer to the citizens, saving them time and travel.

Second is the bridge bill that I drafted, was the prime sponsor of, and argued before the Transportation Committee. This new law will allow closed bridges to be restored years earlier; an important matter for travelers in Amherst and other communities in our state. The law allows the community to replace the bridge years earlier utilizing municipal funds, and then be reimbursed by the State at a scheduled time.

As a retired attorney and former judge I have been active in the area of tort reform, especially medical malpractice. As a result of my efforts, the time, complexity and cost of claims of medical negligence have been substantially reduced. New laws have been enacted that allow a patient to pursue a claim with out an attorney. This benefits both injured patients and the medical profession through swifter resolution and lower cost.

*Your vote will be greatly appreciated.  
Representative Robert H. Rowe  
Amherst*

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## 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.

## Big Thank You to Amherst

### To the editor:

On Saturday, September 13th, our son, Eddie, ran the first event for his charity, Eddie's Lights. We were overwhelmed by the generosity in donations and kinds words of support that so many people made as they stopped by his bake sale. He collected over \$300.00 in donations and is awaiting the arrival of the solar powered night lights from SolPals in UT. We also collected clothing donations on behalf of Catie's Closet and again were so grateful for the contributions of our community members.

*Thank you,  
Celene and Rick Barnes  
Amherst*

## Chandley: A Positive Voice

### To the editor:

With the election fast approaching, residents of Amherst have a clear choice for House Representative in Shannon Chandley. Shannon strives for a fiscally responsible and efficient government and champions the efforts for affordable college education. She's acted with integrity both in and around Amherst with various organizations and in Concord as chair of the Resources, Recreation and Development committee. She was even recognized as an Emerging Political Leader by the non-partisan State Legislators Leadership Foundation. A vote for Shannon and her fellow Democratic candidates is a vote for moving Amherst and NH forward.

*Sincerely  
Shawn and Jennifer Bertrand  
Mont Vernon*

## Walt Havenstein: A Needed Change

### To the editor:

We are in desperate need of state and national leaders who are concerned about balancing our government's budget. Not those who continue to spend us into a debtor state and nation, like many of our failed neighbor nations south of the USA border. Our national debt is now over \$17.5 Trillion, including \$7 Trillion more, since the end of 2008!

Another major issue this election is securing our southern border from drug dealers, rapists, murderers and terrorists. The national candidates who will help solve these two issues are: Scott Brown and Marilinda Garcia.

There are many unfavorable things we can say about the current NH state of affairs, but let's start with three:

In 2010, our state faced a \$800+ Million deficit, which was corrected by the Republican legislature in 2011/12. NH is again projecting a deficit of \$100 Million - \$400 Million for 2013/14, even though a surplus was generated in 2011/12. And \$40 Million is due to ObamaCare overspending.

On top of this, our governor has again submitted a deficit budget, this time with a \$2 Billion deficit.

And within two years, NH has slipped from 19th to 30th as a state in which to do business. Plus the economy has only grown 0.9% in 2013, placing NH last in New England.

We believe Walt Havenstein should be the choice of everyone for our next governor. Why? Many reasons; here are a few:

As CEO of both BAE and SAIC, he managed budgets larger than NH's without deficits, while growing sales at BAE and he managed to save SAIC through this terrible economic recession.

By cutting out unnecessary regulations and business taxes, connecting schools and business, and continuing to promote STEM, he has a plan to increase jobs in NH by 25,000 within two years.

Anyone who has such outstanding accomplishments and has the loyalty of people who've worked for and with him, will bring NH out of its slump.

Join my wife and I voting for Walt, Scott, Marilinda and Republican state senators and representatives on November 4th. It's time for a change!

*Tom McKinney  
Mont Vernon*

## Join Me in Supporting Chandley

### To the editor:

I hope you will join me in supporting Shannon Chandley in the upcoming elections. I first met Representative Chandley after finding an unintended loophole in the State's uninsured motorist laws. Although the issue did not impact me personally, I saw the potential harm it could cause others. Accordingly, last fall I approached Representative Chandley to see if she could help. She spoke with me immediately and took the time to hear my concerns. She quickly understood the problem and began the process of assisting in drafting legislation that would fix this unintended loophole. After several hearings, all of which Representative Chandley attended with me, House Bill 1353 subsequently passed both the House and the Senate with bipartisan support.

I found Representative Chandley to be responsive to the needs of her constituents and dedicated to passing legislation that would benefit the residents of New Hampshire. She has succeeded in her efforts largely through her willingness to listen to all sides, compromise when needed, and continually fight for what she believes in. The result is a legislator who can work with individuals from both major political parties to achieve bipartisan results.

In addition to her commitment to the people of New Hampshire generally, Representative Chandley is a long-time resident of Amherst and understands the needs of the Town's residents. She has been a great voice for the Town at the State House and it would be a shame if we were not to send her back for another term. Please join me on November 4th in voting for Shannon Chandley.

*Sincerely,  
Anna Goulet Zimmerman  
Amherst*

## These Questions Need to Be Answered

### To the editor:

So we (Amherst residents) now have a permanent police outpost at Walmart Super Store on 101A.

So, these questions need to be answered:

AA. How much does the Amherst Police Department estimate it spends out of its budget to police Walmart? Don't say, "It is part of the police budget." This question requires an actual dollar assessment. All costs should be included in the bottom-line figure. Any socially responsible police agency in the USA would be able to give an actual dollar figure to this question based on the number of responses annually to Walmart and the estimated time to process them and other costs to Amherst, etc. etc. etc.

BB. How many "full-time" equivalent hours are spent by the Amherst police while on duty taking care of calls and activities at Walmart? There is (or should be) a relatively accurate estimate of this, if not a perfectly accurate one.

CC. REGARDLESS of any other legitimate and fair taxes Walmart pays, why allow Walmart to soak Amherst citizens for the intensive, extra policing needed to operate its business? Why should the citizens of the town pay Walmart to protect its profits?

DD. How many other police departments in the U.S. have built and operated similar on-site law enforcement branches at Walmart properties?

The situation warrants concrete answers. Questions like it are being raised in towns across the country. (Indeed, even around the world. But that is a different issue for another conversation.)

These are the questions that "good citizens" ask. And expect to get "good" answers to.

*William D'Alessandro  
Amherst*

## Look for Bipartisanship and Team Work in Candidates

### To the editor:

The key to making good decisions about who to vote for on election day is to look beyond party affiliation and campaign rhetoric to evaluate performance and experience. All too often, we allow others to define a candidate rather than look at their record of accomplishments, leadership and representation of the "interests" of the communities they serve.

This year, there are two candidates for the New Hampshire House of Representatives who have earned my support, Shannon Chandley (D) and Robert Rowe (R). Yes, they come from different parties, but both are multiple term incumbents, both have risen to leadership positions within their parties, and both have worked together across party lines to expedite a solution to repair and replace the bridge on Mack Hill Road. Not particularly glamorous work, but essential to the public safety of our community and a spirit of bipartisanship and team work that we so seldom see these days.

Please vote for Chandley and Rowe on November 4. They have earned our support.

*Paul Spiess  
Amherst*

## Pam Coughlin Seeks Your Support

### To the editor:

My name is PAM COUGHLIN and I am running for re-election for the Hillsborough County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds is a constitutionally elected office. As Register, I am responsible for collecting Real Estate Transfer Tax and maintaining all records regarding real estate transactions.

I graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Portsmouth High School. I believe my leadership and life experiences has provided me with qualities to continue to serve as your Register of Deeds. I am a former State Representative, School Board Member, homemaker, legal secretary, mother of 4 children and married for 39 years 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 to help protect the citizens of Hillsborough. Please use our the website at www.nhdeeds.com or call 1-800-728-3858.

I am PAM COUGHLIN and I am seeking your support for re-election as your Hillsborough County Register of Deeds on November 4th.

*Thank you.  
Pamela Coughlin  
Amherst*

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