

More Letters

Let’s Make NH the High Tech Magnet It Once Was

To the editor:

I moved to New Hampshire some 30 odd years ago when the company I was working for in Connecticut decided to expand into New Hampshire. We considered a number of locations around the country. Outside Dallas, TX was one but New Hampshire had so many advantages and was so welcoming to us that it won hands down. A small core of us moved from Connecticut up to New Hampshire and proceeded to hire over 300 additional high tech workers. Aside from the great quality of life, one of the factors that helped us hire engineers was the vibrant high tech economy with multiple other firms available to employees in the immediate area. It was a huge magnet for young engineers and their families.

What happened? Now-a-days we have a hard time even keeping our own engineers in the state. It’s like the tide is going out. Where are the young families? The number of students in our local schools has dropped. I’ve been on the Budget Committee in Hollis for over 20 years. I am a bit alarmed at the listless economy. We still have great schools and great quality of life but we are no longer attracting the new businesses and the young families that come with them.

I worked for years with Walt Havenstein at Sanders and BAE Systems. I’ll tell you one thing. Walt knows leadership. He knows how to work with diverse people. He knows how to identify and articulate what is truly important and to focus: focus people, focus goals, and focus resources toward accomplishing critical achievements. I don’t think we should give up on New Hampshire. I sure would like to see Walt have a chance to turn it around, to make New Hampshire, once again, the magnet for high tech business that it once was. Please vote for Walt Havenstein for governor.

Sincerely
Michael Harris
Hollis

Support Julie Radhakrishnan for State Representative

To the editor:

We heartily welcome the candidacy of Amherst resident Julie Radhakrishnan for our State Representative in Concord. We know Julie to be a hard working, intelligent and focused woman with a business background. Julie has clearly identified the legislative areas where she will act as an advocate. These include improved public education, support for health services, social justice for all of our citizens, and affordable tuition at UNH.

Julie has a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s in human resources. She has experience in the Benefits Division of Fidelity Investments and as a departmental manager at Fleet Bank and is a mother of two adult sons. Julie has done volunteer work for many years at Amherst schools and through the NH Citizens Alliance on social justice issues.

Julie realizes the importance of educated workers to a thriving economy. She wants to use her business, education and community experience to help build the economy through the addition of good paying jobs for skilled workers. She also brings innovative ideas that can enhance home-grown, entrepreneurial business development in NH.

Please join us in voting for Julie Radhakrishnan for New Hampshire State Representative.

Ray Iannuzzelli
Amherst

People in the News



No toys for me! For the last seven years, Gwen Valvano has asked her friends to join her in celebrating her birthday by allowing her to donate all her presents to the animals at the Animal Rescue League in Bedford. Her generous friends, again, helped her fill a pickup truck with their gifts of squeaky toys, kongs, dog food, biscuits, bowls, cash and all sorts of items for animals in need. Gwen turned eleven this month and lives at home with three rescued dogs. She is in the fifth grade at the Amherst Middle School and hopes to inspire other kids to forgo more “stuff” and instead share their birthdays with creatures in need. This is Gwen and Solo, a lab/hound mix rescued as a puppy from Tennessee this past spring.



Amherst resident celebrated at Jimmy Fund Golf Classic
Dan Goguen of Brookline, Mike Curtis of Lakeville, Mass., Doug Keefe of Londonderry, and Dennis Ford of Amherst, attended the 32nd annual Jimmy Fund Golf Classic at The International Golf Club in Bolton, Mass., on October 6, to celebrate another season of raising funds on the greens for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Golf Classic is an annual event that recognizes tournament organizers and sponsors who helped raise more than \$6.7 million in 2014. Jimmy Fund Golf is the oldest and largest charity golf program in the country. Now in its 32nd year, Jimmy Fund Golf has raised more than \$100 million to support adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber. To learn more, visit www.jimmyfundgolf.org.



“A Heavenly Home”

Three local girl scouts earn prestigious Scout Silver Award helping Kitty Angels shelter.

By BETH GREENWOOD, BRIDGET BEAN AND ANNA SCHULTE.

Our names are Beth Greenwood, Bridget Beane and Anna Schulte; we are girl scouts from Amherst Troop 20709. We completed our Girl Scout Silver Award “A Heavenly Home” by helping the rescue organization Kitty Angels.

For our project we wanted to help animals in some way. We were most interested in abandoned cats which were not being cared for especially those with health issues. We felt that the main cause for this was because people did not know enough on pet care and didn’t know what their options were if they could not keep their pet. We chose Kitty Angels because they help the cats that have no other place to go because of their health issues. We spent many hours helping with preparations for their new shelter by painting, cleaning and providing much needed equipment and supplies. We also created several brochures with cat care information which we distributed during the Kitty Angels information spring event.

The Kitty Angels organization is run by all volunteers and foster homes in NH and MA. For cats that

are waiting to be adopted for a long time or have behavioral or health issues they have special shelters to help them recover until they can be placed into homes. The increased number of cats in need made it necessary to have this new structure built. The most meaningful part of working on this award for us was when we were able to assist at the foster home location in preparation for their move. We helped clean the shelter, socialize with and feed these great cats who were between homes.

Our project helped cats through the Kitty Angels organization with their new cat shelter and also helped educate more people about caring for their cats. This project was a real eye-opener for us about there being so many cats that need help. It was a great experience for us and we are grateful that we were able to help.

We would like to thank our advisor, Joan Abbott from Kitty Angels for her support and guidance with our project and we would also like to express special thanks to Ace Printing and Aruba Cat for their generous assistance which helped make this project such a huge success.

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