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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View from Concord, September

Louise Andrus, State Representative

Thank you to every voter in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster for your votes in the Primary on September 13. I do not take your votes for granted.

And now we are gearing up for the November 8 General Election. Many candidates on the ballot are knocking on doors, making phone calls, and mailing flyers to voters in anticipation of the General Election. The most important part a voter gets to do is vet your candidates and go vote. Your vote does count. Do not take the right to vote for granted.

Please take notice: District 5 now has two State Representative seats.

Currently District 1 is one seat for State Representative for Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury. District 25 is currently one seat for state Representative for Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, and Warner.

Redistricting changed the State Representative district to District 5 with two seats for the towns of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster. This means that on the ballot for State Representative in District 5, a voter should vote for two candidates, as there are two seats to be filled by election.

Then there is District 26, which is known as a flatorial district, with one seat for the towns of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, Boscawen, Canterbury, and Loudon.

District 5 will have two State Representatives and District 26 will have one State Representative for a total of three State Representatives.

I have been listening to citizens and reading articles on Roe vs. Wade. First of all, overturning of this did not stop abortion. Rather, the decision made by the Supreme Court sent it back to each state, where it belongs. In my opinion, this subject will never be settled. Rather it will always be a controversial subject.

Another subject is the public schools. Many people imply that I am against and would like to abolish public schools and the teachers along with it. That is not true. I believe in school choice, and I also believe in public schools. I believe we can have both.

Another myth is that I am against teachers, to which I reply that I absolutely have nothing against teachers. I wish the school boards and superintendents and government would leave

them alone and let them teach.

For about nine years I have been attending school board monthly meetings and annual meetings of the Merrimack Valley School District. Attending these meetings I have gained a good knowledge of our schools. I have asked questions, for example, about curriculum, sports, and how our money is spent.

Where the budget of a school district is the biggest part of our property tax bill, I feel we should all be asking questions about how our money is spent. That is called accountability. Asking questions does not mean I am against schools. Rather it makes the school district be accountable for monies spent and curriculum utilized in the schools

There is an issue that no one discusses, nor do we work to stop it in our country and state. The issue is the disgusting availability of fentanyl that is killing our youth. It appears that the thought is if it is swept under the rug, so to speak, it will disappear.

There needs to be control at the southern border to slow down and stop the influx of this drug. That is only a start. We have to get this under control.

We have so many negative issues in our country and one of them is out-of-control inflation. Yes, the gas prices have reduced a little, but that does not even start to solve our money problems. Food prices, home heating prices, electricity rates doubling, the Federal government selling our reserve oil, interest rates rising, the cost to buy a home, buying building materials, a few examples of the out-of-control inflation.

To view all areas of the inflation, it appears there is no end and we are heading for a recession. I hope it does not happen, but we need to prepare in case it does occur.

There is a horrific invasion into our country at the southern border by illegal immigrants. Thousands every day. States in the South are now bussing these individuals to cities throughout the US. Our government does nothing to lessen the invasion and burden to towns and cities of illegal immigrants. It is time to close the border.

I hope to see many of you while I am knocking on doors in the next few weeks before the General Election. I will be working in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster. If you have any questions please let me know at 603 648-2510, or mail 406 Raccoon Hill Road, Salisbury NH 03268, or L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com.

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