

Letters

To all the good people of Andover and beyond:

Thank you for all the help you gave me and my family during the time we ran the East Andover Marketplace. You'll never be forgotten.

Proverbs 16:23-CEV: We make our own decisions, but the Lord alone determines what happens. Amen.

Denise Keene

The announcement that Merrimack County Commissioner JD Colcord was to retire this month was received with mixed feelings. Chairman Colcord certainly deserves to have time to himself after so many years of service to his nation, to his town, to New Hampshire, and in recent years to our county. However, the loss of Commissioner Colcord will leave a large vacancy in the operation and management of the county.

I know first hand the work of Representative Colcord as a member of the county delegation and later as Commissioner when he was selected to fill a vacancy on the board. He was instrumental in moving the completion of the new Merrimack County Correctional Facility and putting it in operation. We can take satisfaction that those incarcerated or waiting trial are in a secure and protected facility.

Commissioner Colcord carried the load to complete the Merrimack County Nursing Home study and followed on to oversee the construction and operation of the new nursing home. Those in need of health care are well cared for and safe in the nursing home.

The well-kept Merrimack County campus in which the citizens of the county can take pride is but one example of his many accomplishments, and we can be thankful for his years of service. Job well done!

I have a great deal of respect and admiration for JD Colcord and wish him good health, good fun, and God's speed in his retirement.

Bill Leber

I find it interesting that some people, mostly Democrats, are criticizing Kelly Ayotte for failing to serve the entire term as Attorney General. It seems the Democratic Party is scraping the bottom of the muddy pond to find something to sling at a very effective, efficient, non-partisan public servant.

It is wonderful when people serve out their complete terms. However, circumstances change, and we can expect or even encourage our leaders to seek more responsible positions when the opportunity arises.

Lest we forget, our very popular Governor John Lynch accepted the appointment as Chairman of the University System with a reported promise to then-governor Benson that he would complete the full term. He obviously didn't. Can we talk about some more important issues?

Kelly Ayotte has been an outstanding Attorney General handling some



Last month Florence Gove held the first-ever yard sale to benefit *The Andover Beacon*. Despite the wet weather, Florence and her helpers – daughters Karen and Beryl Sanborn, and Esther Grace – raised \$123 to donate to the *Beacon*. Florence hopes others in town will be inspired to clean out their stuff and help support the *Beacon* with yard sales of their own. Thanks very much, Florence and team! Staff photo: Bob Bussey

very difficult issues. We wish her well in whatever she decides to do in the future.

Bill Leber

I read with interest the great array of titles available for summer reading in the Andover Libraries article on page 26 of the July issue of the *Beacon*. As a member of the Andover Democrats, I'd like to suggest another good read I recently came across, this time found in the New Hampshire room of the Tracy Memorial Library in New London. It's *Grass Roots: One Year in the Life of the New Hampshire Presidential*

Primary, by Dayton Duncan. In addition to prominent positions on national presidential campaigns, as well as his current work as writer for fellow Granite Stater Ken Burns, Duncan served as chief of staff to New Hampshire Governor Hugh Gallen.

Grass Roots is a fascinating series of anecdotes of some of the tireless, unpaid activists of the 1988 iteration of our First-in-the-Nation Primary. One such chapter is devoted to a then-little-known campaign volunteer in Cheshire County named Molly Kelly. State Senator Kelly today represents that region.

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