

# Gilford Steamer

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## Donations, town projects, forces of nature among top Gilford stories

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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Major donations, capital projects, and some acts of nature were some of the big stories in Gilford this year.

The Gilford Fire and Police Departments received some generous donations for some coming special purchases.

Last year, the city of Portsmouth offered to donate its \$350,000 fireboat to Gilford, which received approval from both the Portsmouth city council and the Gilford board of selectmen. Before the donation was ever finalized, Portsmouth voted to rescind the offer and gave the boat to the town of New Castle.

Gilford Fire Chief Steve Carrier said in March a new boat that would meet the department's needs would cost around \$300,000,

and did discuss options for fundraising.

Following a public hearing in March, the selectmen voted unanimously to accept a donation of \$10,000 from the Moultonborough Fireman's Fund. The money was donated by a family who was grateful for the work of Moultonborough and Gilford crews after a fire.

The police department has been raising money for the K-9 program. The department's most recent K9 officer Ike was diagnosed with cancer. Lt. Kris Kelley said Ike's disease had a quick onset and he had to be put down in February.

One major fundraiser was selling memorial pavers in the Police Department's Memorial Garden.

Both fundraisers received \$10,000 contributions from Jack



FILE PHOTO

Bison are herded down the Route 3/11 bypass after breaking loose from Bolduc Farm in July

Sousae. Sousae was recognized by the selectmen and members of both departments.

Police Chief Antho-

ny Bean Burpee reported to the selectmen in December that they have \$17,000 for the program. Bean Burpee

said they hope to have the next dog ready for duty by the start of the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion concert series in May.

Two capital projects were approved by voters following much debate among town officials about their respective costs.

Voters approved an

article making much needed repairs to town hall.

The initial proposal was for \$525,000 for phase two of town hall improvements, which include heating and cooling fixtures, upgrades to the water system, hallway flooring, and sidewalks. This

## Gilford officers allowed to use personal rifles under new policy

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Under a newly approved policy, Gilford police officers will be able to use their own personal rifles on duty as long as certain requirements are met.

Last Wednesday, the

board of selectmen approved a police Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for officers to use their own rifles on duty and compensate for the lower number of rifles in the department compared to officers.

Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee said he spoke with someone from the town's insurance carrier Primex, who said the town should consider providing all officers with a rifle.

Bean Burpee said

this policy will be a way to supplement what the department currently has. Currently the department owns 10 rifles and has 17 officers.

He said there are several officers who

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## Selectmen recognize Public Works crews for storm cleanup

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Selectmen recently praised the work of the Public Works Department in clearing the roads during recent storms.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Selectman Gus Benavides took the opportunity to welcome Jason Hayden as the new Public Works Director. He also praised the work the Public Works crew did on the roads during the recent storms.

Benavides said a resident of Stonegate Court wanted to pass along thanks to the particular drivers who plowed that area, saying they did a great job with it.

"Stonegate Court can be a little bit tricky," Benavides said.

Hayden said he is getting his feet wet in the department, and everything was going smoothly so far.

"I'm enjoying it; I'm getting a lot of support too," Hayden said.

He said the crew has worked long and hard and "did the best they could."

"They worked long

and hard and on the holiday," Hayden said.

He said he was helping out the crew however he could too, including running a loader during a storm and helping one of the new drivers plow during the Christmas storm.

"Welcome aboard, you get a trial by fire storm after storm," said board chair Chan Eddy.

Selectman Richard Grenier gave special thanks to all the town workers, including police, fire, and public works personnel, for the work they did on Christmas.

"I appreciate those who are working on a holiday when we're at home safe in our beds," Grenier said. "Thank you to those who had to work on a holiday."

Benavides also brought up that a landscaper asked if the town sells any of its road salt and asked if there was a policy on this. Hayden said he looked around for such a policy, though came across a memo that the town does not do that.

Hayden said in the

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## Tragedy, humanitarian efforts marked 2018 for Gilford schools

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Tragedy, humanity, success, and controversy marked some of this year's biggest stories in the Gilford School District.

Members of the community honored the memory of a local teen who died in a car accident during a snowstorm in March.

Ava Doris, 16, died in a single car accident on Cherry Valley Road on March 14. Doris was a sophomore at Gilford High School. According to her obituary, she was lacrosse and field hockey goalie. She played for Lakes Region Lacrosse and then for Gilford Middle School and then for the high school team. She also worked at Gilford House of Pizzeria.

"She was a very giving young woman with a heart of gold," read her obituary. "She had a smile that would light



FILE PHOTO

Gilford High School students Olivia Trindade and Brady McKenna packed up donated items to be sent to Texas after Hurricane Harvey.

up the world."

The Gilford Police Department, for whom Doris' father Tim Doris is a dispatcher, provided major support, including organizing fundraisers that raised thousands of dollars to help the family.

The hard work,

knowledge, and talents of a graduated Gilford High School senior earned him recognition as a Presidential Scholar.

Truckloads of essential items went down to areas of Texas hit by Hurricane Harvey thanks to the efforts of

Gilford students, staff, and families.

The drive was part of a statewide effort by Gilford resident Mike Currier of Performance Chemicals of Franklin. The effort reached the schools, where Currier's children attend,

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## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS  
Library Correspondent

It's story time! We are going to tell you a story... about story times. Once upon a time, people believed that story times were chances for kids to hear a story be read for them. They might find it interesting. Nowadays, story time is so, much, more. I'm talking with Arielle, the head children's librarian, about how story times work now.

Arielle, is story time just a story?

Arielle: Nope, not at all. In story time, there's a lot going on. We do songs, stories, activities like games and crafts. It all works together to get kids ready for school. Working on their literacy skills is key.

Mark: Why not call it 'Literacy Time,' then?

Arielle: That sounds really boring. When kids hear 'story,' they are thinking it's going to be something fun. They can use their imagination. They interact with the

characters and the storyteller as they listen. 'Literacy' is more of a word for parents and educators than for children.

Mark: What do the parents have to do with story time?

Arielle: Well, I like to encourage parents to participate in story time because the things that we are doing with the kids are things that they can do at home. The songs and rhymes are things they can practice. The way we read and conduct activities is deliberate. Everything, even things that appear casual, especially to the kids, is done with a purpose and is based on studies about child development and learning. Parents can learn these techniques by participating.

Mark: Can you give me an example?

Arielle: If I'm doing rhyming for a story time, I'll read a bit to let them hear what rhyming sounds like, and then let them try to guess what

words are coming next. The kids are eager to get to speak up, and they are practicing the skill without realizing it (Secretly the parents are learning a skill too).

Mark: I've heard some surprise about our baby storytimes. People aren't really sure what babies get from hearing a story they can't fully understand.

Arielle: 'Early literacy' is about preparing the brain to be able to learn to read. It not just about letter identification. In story times for babies, we focus on identification of sounds, of syllables, of rhyme, and to teach parents all of the songs and games that are proven to help with early literacy, so that they can continue at home. We also teach imagination games, so kids can begin to think about narrative structure, always asking them questions.

Mark: That makes sense. Is there anything innovative going on in story times here in Gilford?

Arielle: Maria, one of our children's librarians, is ahead of the curve for sure. First of all, her Music and Movement group was busy, loud, and full of new activities that she planned each week based on educational research. Now she is starting a yoga group for kids in two age groups, and they love it! She has training as a yoga instructor for kids, and will be certified soon. It teaches them listening skills (instructions), mindfulness, which has to do with being able to focus, and they learn social skills by working in pairs. It is amazing to see.

Mark: You've told quite the story, Arielle. I can't wait to see what new trends you implement to keep kids and parents interested and learning.

### Classes & Special Events Jan. 4 to Jan. 10

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
Yoga Fun (two to four Year Olds), 10:30-11 a.m.  
Come enjoy an introduction to yoga through

songs and games! Ages two to four with caregiver. Sign up in the children's room.

Yoga Fun (Four to six Year Olds), 11:15 a.m.-noon

See 'Yoga Fun (two to four year olds)' above.

Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Teen Table Toppers, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Teens can play games at the library every Thursday after school!

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 8**  
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Lego Creator Club, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Teen Pizza and Book Party, 3-4 p.m.

Time to feast. Let's eat some pizza and talk about the books we love most. Bring your favorite books to share or find them in the library!

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.

Gilford Clickers Photography Club, 6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Pizza and Book Party, 3-4 p.m.

This month's pick is "Call of the Wild" by Jack London, published in 1903.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**  
Trustee Meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.

Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Teen Early Release Movie, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Watch a movie in the warmth of the Teen Room during Early Release!

Book Bites, 5-6 p.m.

Book Bites is a monthly cooking club at the library. This month's theme is "Party Foods!" Sign up at the front desk, cost is \$5.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child
2. "Rooster Bar" by John Grisham
3. "The Family Lawyer" by James Patterson
4. "End Game" by David Baldacci
5. "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michael Connelly
6. "Count to Ten" by James Patterson
7. "Year One" by Nora Roberts
8. "Hardcore Twenty-Four" by Janet Evanovich
9. "The People Vs. Alex Cross" by James Patterson

## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 242 calls for service and made the following arrests from Dec. 19 through Jan. 1. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but

not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Kristen Paul, age 25, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 19 in connection with a bench warrant.

A 30-year-old male from Laconia was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Dec. 6.

John W. Sands, age 28, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 27 for

Issuing Bad Checks in an amount totaling less than \$1,000.

Trisha M. Gardner, age 39, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 28 for Unlawful Activities; Litter Control.

Brandy S. Tuttle, age 29, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 31 for Domestic Violence; Obstructing Repot of a Crime or Injury.

Edward Esty, age 22, of Danbury was arrested

ed on Jan. 1 in connection with a bench warrant.

Robert A. Lilly, age 42, of Franklin was arrested on Jan. 1 for Unsworn Falsification by Written or Electronic Statement and Simple Assault; Physical Contact or Bodily Injury. Illeene E. Griffin, age 41, of Franklin was arrested along with Lilly for Disorderly Conduct and making a False Re-

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# Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE  
Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation

## Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink open for the season!

The Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink on Varney Point Road is now open for the 2018 season! This ice rink is open daily to the public at no charge. The skating schedule is as follows; Open Skating from Dawn – 10 a.m., Stick and Puck for ages 13 and under from 10 a.m. – noon, Open Skating from noon – 3:30 p.m. and Stick and Puck for ages 14 and up from 3:30 p.m. – Dusk. The rink is unattended and

adult supervision is recommended. The ice rink is also available for rentals after normal operating hours.

For more information, to inquire about rentals or to check on conditions, please contact Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

## Senior Moment-um Scrabble/Game Day – Monday, Jan. 8

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Jan. 8. Participants will meet at noon in the Community Church Fellowship Hall. Par-

ticipants are encouraged to bring a lunch and join us for games of Scrabble, Rummikub, or whatever games we decide! Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday, Jan. 5.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

## Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for Feb. 26, 2018

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the

Memphis Grizzlies on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018. Cost of the trip is \$120 for lower level Loge seats and \$70 upper level balcony seats and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and tickets to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 5 p.m. and the Belmont Park & Rideshare (Route 106) at 5:15 p.m. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Our seats are in section #19 (Loge) and #310 & #311 (Balcony) for the 7:30 p.m. game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by

payment and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com).

## Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 and will continue through Jan. 27, 2018 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s)

following Jan. 27). Lessons begin at 10 a.m., and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

\$40 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

## Belknap County Democrats to host forum with Congressional candidates

MEREDITH — On Wednesday, Jan. 10, the Belknap County Democrats will present a round table forum with the 6 Democratic candidates for New Hampshire Congressional District 1, the seat currently held by Carol Shea-Porter. The forum will take place at the Meredith Community Center at One Circle Drive in Meredith, with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and the forum from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be 6 tables for the public, and the candidates will rotate from table to table, each having

six 10-minute conversations.

The candidates are: Mark MacKenzie (former Manchester firefighter, former NH AFL-CIO President, currently a NH State Representative from Hillsborough); Mindi Messmer (a scientist with her own environmental consulting firm, currently a New Hampshire State Representative from Rye); Terence O'Rourke (Rochester City Attorney, Bronze Star Iraq veteran, former prosecutor in Rockingham and Carroll counties); Chris Pappas (own-

er and manager of a restaurant in Manchester, former NH State Representative (two terms), currently on the New Hampshire Executive Council); Lincoln Soldati (former Stafford County Attorney, former mayor of Somersworth, Army veteran); and Maura Sullivan (US Marine Corps Iraq veteran, former Assistant US Secretary of Veterans Affairs).

The public is invited to meet the candidates and join the Belknap County Democrats at this round table discussion.

## Belknap County Republicans welcome Speaker of the House to next dinner

BELMONT — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that their next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Top of the Town Restaurant, 88 Ladd Hill Rd., Belmont.

This month's guest speaker will be Speaker of the House, Gene Chandler. Chandler, currently in his 18th term representing the town of Bartlett, was recently elected to serve as Speaker for the remainder of former Speaker Shawn Jasper's term. Jasper was nominated in October by Gov. Chris Sununu to be Agriculture Commissioner, con-

firmed by the Executive Council in November, and sworn in on Dec. 11. Chandler will share his thoughts about his plans for the 2018 House session, having already made good on his promise to include House members representing various "notches" on the political spectrum to his leadership team.

In addition to hearing from Speaker Chandler, the Committee will be electing a new State Committee member to fill the seat of Rep. Don Flanders who passed away last September. Also, the Committee will discuss the results of the Jan. 9 primary and the upcoming Feb. 27 Special Election to fill the remainder of Rep. Flan-

ders term in the House.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you're interested in having dinner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 p.m.

The Committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to local food pantries.

For more information, please check the Committee's Web site at [www.BelknapCountyGOP.org](http://www.BelknapCountyGOP.org) or send an email to [alan.glassman@gmail.com](mailto:alan.glassman@gmail.com).

## Sheriff's Department warns of phone scam

REGION — The Belknap County Sheriff's Department has been receiving complaints regarding scam telephone calls from someone posing as a Deputy who says he or she is from the "Belknap County Court Services Division." The caller is telling residents they failed to answer to a jury summons and now owe a fine. The call-

er asks to have the fine paid over the telephone to clear the matter.

The Belknap County Sheriff's Department has no such division or Collections deputies. These scammers use software that causes the phone number they are calling from to appear on Caller ID as a local number, or that of a legitimate Sheriff's Department busi-

ness line.

We want to reassure residents that the members of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department would never call and request that a fine be paid by telephone. We urge residents to please not give any personal information or payment to these individuals, as it is, in fact, a scam. If you receive these phone

calls, please disregard them. If you have any questions regarding any judicial matters you may be involved in, please contact the New Hampshire Judicial System or call the Belknap County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with any information regarding these calls should contact the Sheriff's Department at 527-5454.

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Dr. Shetty will be closing both of his offices, currently located at 36 Country Club Rd. in Gilford, NH and 65 Summer St. in Bristol, NH and continue to provide eye care at the above location along with Dr. Andrew Garinkle, Dr. Douglas Scott and Dr. Richard Talkington.

Appointments may be scheduled by calling 603-524-8020 or 603-524-2020

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## You can make the difference in finding a cure

BY JEN GAULT

The Cure Starts Now Foundation

As we end 2017, nearly 16,000 children have been diagnosed with some form of cancer. That's approximately 43 children every day and one child every two minutes. That is heartbreaking and unacceptable.

Jesse Thompson never thought he would be one of those "cancer parents." But he became one in 2013 after his son, John, was diagnosed with a rare form of pediatric brain cancer called DIPG. Before diagnosis with DIPG, John loved sports, was passionate about art, and he adored his two younger sisters, Clara and Elizabeth. Sadly, John's fight ended in 2014, but his inspiration and impact remain strong.

The Lakes Region community was the primary source of support for the Thompson family during their fight. That support and collective hope only got stronger when they joined forces with The Cure Starts Now Foundation.

Thanks to our supporters, The Cure Starts Now Foundation has been able to fund over \$4 million in pediatric cancer research this year alone. This \$4 million effort gives hope to families like the Thompsons and would not have been possible without the grassroots efforts of this wonderful community.

"Funding over \$4 million in research means that the researchers who are working to cure DIPG are getting the funding that they so desperately need. Funding that wouldn't be there otherwise. The community has shared our drive and passion to make sure other families don't have to ac-



John Thompson

cept the devastating diagnosis and prognosis that John was dealt, that means the world to us – we are not alone. It also reassures us that we live in an incredible place, with amazing people. The collective heart of the Lakes Region is second to none," says Jesse, John's father and Chapter Director for the New Hampshire Chapter of The Cure Starts Now.

Dr. Stewart Goldman of The Cure Starts Now Medical Advisory Council makes it very clear, "Federal funding for pediatric cancer in general is a small drop in the bucket of cancer research dollars. And then taking that down to pediatric brain tumors, it becomes even more fractional."

The research that has been funded is helping doctors find more targeted options to fight these cancers and ultimately find the homerun cure for all cancers. But we can't stop there.

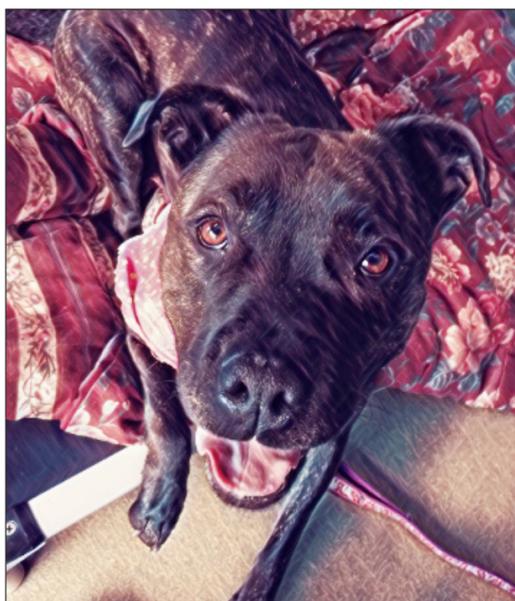
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## Pet of the Week: Rhonda

Tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured may twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home, including a very quick return after being adopted before Thanksgiving!

Dogs need time to blend into a new family setting, rarely is this effected in a few short days. Our adoption counsellors know what dogs need and we take the leap of faith this will be followed.

In Rhonda's case, while she does seem to feel companionable around dogs of similar size, smaller creatures trigger her interest in a less convivial way.



Rhonda arrived via our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been

calling our shelter home since the Summer. Well now the weather

is cold, snow is in the air, Winter has arrived, and she is still reeling from the return to us wondering what happened.

Once more into the breach... large dogs yes, no cats and other small creatures (although to truly flourish being the only pet would be the best possible placement). A home where she can finally unpack her suitcase of sorrow and rejection is Rhonda's wish at Christmastime.

She is a lovely dog, a big girl, still waiting for that committed adoptive home, and one that will manage her foibles appropriately.

We have not given up hope and neither should she!

### FROM OUR READERS

#### Denial of state funding to religious schools is discrimination

To the Editor:

In the new year, isn't it time that New Hampshire ended blatant "legalized" discrimination against Catholics in our state?

After the great Irish potato famine in the mid-1800's, America experienced a large wave of Irish immigrants, many of whom were Catholics. Some politicians wanted to prevent any public support of Catholic institutions, and thus attempted, unsuccessfully, to amend the

US Constitution to prohibit any public money being sent to Catholic institutions, even though they were not specifically named. But everyone knew which religious group was being targeted for discrimination.

Although not all Catholics are Irish, most Irish are Catholics. And I am old enough to remember my father telling me that John Kennedy could never be elected president of the US because he was Catholic. He was also astute enough to opine that Nelson Rockefeller could never achieve higher elective office since he had been divorced. I also remember seeing in antique shops old help wanted signs reading "Help Wanted - No Irish Need Apply" that appeared to be in common use many years ago.

Well, times have certainly changed, or have they? After the federal effort failed in 1875, many states

adopted so-called "Blaine amendments" to accomplish the same insidious purpose, named after the Congressman who had proposed the failed federal constitutional amendment.

Two years later, in 1877, New Hampshire voters added the following language to Article 83 of Part Second of our state Constitution: "Provided, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination."

This is, unfortunately, New Hampshire's version of the Blaine amendment, and is used by many, whether or not openly anti-Catholic, to continue the insidious discrimination against Catholics and their institutions, which often do a better job of educating our children, in

many cases, than do our public schools for which the taxpayers pay so much.

I call upon all New Hampshire voters, as well as the New Hampshire chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, to work together to eliminate this ugly blot on our state and many of its citizens by amending our state Constitution to eliminate this discriminatory language at the earliest possible time.

*Norman Silber*  
State Representative

*Belknap County District 2- Gilford & Meredith*

#### The Dutile family and Freedom Fuel

To the Editor:

In these days of oxymorons, where up is down, down is up, right is wrong, wrong is right, and what is "normal" is less and less easy to define, I have found an oasis of goodness.

I am the widow of a Viet Nam veteran, Michael Ferreira, who was in a place called Dak To, Viet Nam in 1969, where he was overexposed to Agent Orange. For those of you that are unaware, Agent Orange is a defoliant the military used to thin out the thick jungles of Viet Nam; it could wipe out 200 yards of thick jungle in a single drop of this chemical bombardment. Theoretically, this would make the enemy more readily seen, and easier to engage. Mike was actually a combat engineer, and not in an artillery company. This did not protect Mike and his comrades from Agent Orange, though. Every man in that company who is still living has some disease or another from that wretched defoliant. A common surgery in 2011 for rotator cup was the catalyst that kicked Mike's Stage IV Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer into high gear. He never smoked; this was 100 percent due to Agent Orange. This eventually led to his demise on Nov. 17, 2015; 46 years later, the Viet Nam war took my beloved husband from me.

My point to this letter is to let you know of a local family business that cares enough to put their good intentions into action. This is Dutile and Sons Oil Company Inc. of Laconia.

#### Send us your letters!

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I came to know of them when I called to ask them to clean out my furnace before the winter hit us, as is my habit. On Oct. 29, Kevin Dutile and his partner, Nick Bilodeau, came to the house to check out my furnace and give it a thorough cleaning. What I heard instead of, "You're all set," was that I needed some major updates, including a new furnace within the next couple of years. The costs sent me reeling. Since I was coming up on the second anniversary of Mike's passing, I was a bit overwhelmed, and perhaps over-emotional, and told Kevin that I am the widow of a Viet Nam vet, and that the costs were overwhelming me. I simply broke down crying, which is not something I tend to let others see.

As I tried to compose myself and figure what options there might be for me, I noticed that Kevin had been on his mobile phone. When he hung up the phone, he said, "We can help you." This made me stop in my tracks, and say, "What? What do you mean?" Kevin had been on the phone with his Dad, Mike, who had started a program to help veterans with their heating costs and concerns. Kevin said, "We can fix the furnace for no cost to you." "How?" I asked. He told me about how his Dad had started this program several years ago to help our veterans. It started with donations from local people, and it grew into something that is now called Freedom Fuel. These two young men looked me directly in the eye, thanked me for Mike's service, and I was honored and grateful. This is such a truly wonderful program to help our military. Mike, his wife Ricky, their family, and their staff are salt of the earth types, in my humble opinion. Freedom Fuel is a 501c3 and a truly wonderful charity in which to donate to help those that protect or have protected our freedoms, our rights, and our country.

Remember this: Our military writes a blank check, payable to the American people, that goes up to and including their very lives. I don't think many people in this nation actually understand that fact.

JOHN 15:13 Greater love has no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends.

God bless our military,

*Jean Ferreira*  
Gilford

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# STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

## The evolution of American Values, Part 1

BY LARRY SCOTT

Joe Klein, writing on "The Secrets of Reagan's Success" in the June 14, 2004 issue of Time magazine, made this significant observation. "Reagan will mostly be remembered for his unyielding opposition to the Soviet Union, for his willingness to call a regime that murdered at least 40 million of its citizens 'evil.'" Commenting on this article in her book, "The Criminalization of Christianity," Janet Folger writes, "Really? Murdering at least forty million of its citizens is 'evil?'" Let's think about that for a minute. Forty million, forty-five million ... what other country

has killed that many of its own citizens? Oh yes, we did" (page 183). Since Roe v Wade became law in 1973, the National Right to Life estimates that, through 2004, 48,589,993 babies have had their lives terminated through abortion in the United States.

How did we get to where we are as a nation of generally respectable, intelligent people? What has happened to a society of basically good and honorable men and women whereby things have degenerated to a point that many of us find beyond belief. There are, I think, four emerging trends that have had a profound influence

on our actions and attitudes, two of which I would like to highlight this week.

From the social revolution of the 1960's there has come a drive on the part of many to be free of all restraint. The opportunity to develop one's own potential (so long as "no one else is hurt"), the challenge to "dare to be different," the freedom to "do as I please," all had a profound influence on our society. "I did it my way" became the national mantra. But freedom as envisioned has never been possible. Without a Biblical concept of morality, without an objective standard of right and wrong, chaos is soon

to follow. The consequences are tragically obvious.

With this we saw the rise of the civil rights and women's liberation movements and the emergence of a second trend often characterized as the "victim mentality." Cruel parents, an abusive spouse, an uncaring Church, brutal police, and the "rich" became the "evil forces" charged with culpability. "Victims" were soon demanding their "rights" and, as a result, individual rights became the impetus behind an enormous amount of new legislation. Legitimate needs were addressed and we can only laud

the effort to help those who deserved the protection and help provided by an affluent society. Eventually, however, individual rights gave way to the "right to choose," and this led ultimately to profound changes in American standards of morality and our concept of right and wrong. One glaring example came with what was termed "partial birth abortion." Babies, viable and living, were murdered during the birth process as

they emerged from the womb. Unbelievable!

So devastating have been the consequences that many of us have been tempted to "throw in the towel." As we worry to the point of depression about the world we are leaving to our grandchildren, we must, however, never, but never, but never, give up.

I trust you will stay with me as I wrap up all of this next week. In the meantime, if you wish, hit me up at rlar-rlyscott@gmail.com.

### FROM OUR READERS

#### Make it your resolution to take control of your property taxes

To the Editor:

Happy New Year to all Gilford residents! It's time for your New Year's Resolutions.

If you are a Gilford property owner and registered voter, are you happy with the level of your property taxes? There is only one practical way to take control of your property taxes, and that is to elect fiscal conservatives whenever you can do so. You will have your chance at the next Town and Schools elections on March 13. That may seem like a long time from now, but now is the time for you to start thinking about what you might be able to do to help control your taxes.

At the next election, there will be two vacancies on the School Board, one vacancy on the Board of Selectmen, and four on the Budget Committee.

If you have felt that the taxes for our schools are too high and keep increasing each year by too much, as the enrollment in our schools keeps de-

clining, now is the time to commit to becoming a candidate for the School Board, which is, in my view, in dire need of members with a strong sense of fiscal restraint.

If you have ever felt that some of the decisions regarding land use issues in our town were contrary to the wishes of many neighbors of affected properties because of the membership of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, members of which are appointed by our Selectmen, now is the time to commit to becoming a candidate for Selectman (whether you are a man or a woman), and if you are successful, you can have a hand in determining the composition of those boards in the future, as well as the fashioning of the recommended town budget.

And although the proposed budgets for the town and schools are reviewed and adjusted by the Budget Committee, its ability to control expenses is

limited by the fact that some members of the public who have vested financial interests often "pack" the deliberative sessions and add back significant amounts to the budgets proposed by the Budget Committee.

Our property taxes are determined by two components: (1) the assessed value of your property; and (2) the tax rate. There is little you can do to control the assessed value of your property, but you have a lot of control over your tax rate, if only you speak out and put your vote where your money is. The ultimate tax rate is practically determined by the voters when they vote on the budget and special financial request articles and for those who are to serve on the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the School Board, all of which have openings in the next election.

The simple but central economic issue is always present: we have limited resources (taxes) to allocate

among numerous competing uses. We must live within our means, and that means making hard choices. Every household knows that there are practical limits on how much you can spend, depending on your income. The town and schools should concentrate on properly funding essential services, and reducing or eliminating wasteful or non-essential spending.

The only practical way to take control of your property taxes is to elect fiscal conservatives to the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the School Board at the next election. We need strong, fiscally conservative leadership in all those positions.

The filing period for each of these offices runs from Jan. 24 through Feb. 2.

Now is the time for you to make a New Year's Resolution to step up and become a candidate. You can make a difference!

*Norman J. Silber  
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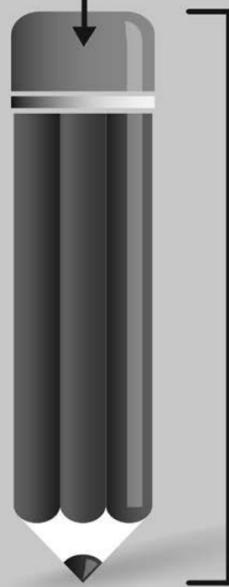
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## Noel Cassiano, 43

LACONIA — Noel Cassiano, 43, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017.

Noel was always the life of the party, the karaoke king, the one who could sell an Eskimo ice. When he entered the room, you knew it because his presence commanded the attention of those around him in such a way that no one else could. He was song and like a song, he was able to comfort the soul, if only for a moment. His laugh became your laugh. His heart was one with yours and he let that be known through his love for Christ. We will miss his laugh, his light, and his ability to bring joy through music. He loved his family and always wanted a reunion and while he was taken too soon to realize it, his



spirit will carry on and live in the hearts of his family especially his children, nephews, and nieces whom he loved dearly. May his soul rest in eternal peace. We will love you always.

Noel is survived by his parents, Fernando and Juanita (Echevarria) Cassiano; his wife, Holly (Dupont) Cassiano; his daughter Lilly; his son Devon; three sisters, Yesenia Schuler, Eileen Ackerman and Amy Rivera; five brothers (Barry Ackerman, Thomas Ack-

erman, Dorian Ramos, Fernando Ramos and King Ramos); and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia.

A Celebration of life was held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017 at Faith Alive Christian Fellowship, 72 Primrose Dr. South, Laconia.

Burial will be private. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Donna Lee Duso, 62

LACONIA — Donna Lee Duso, 62, of Winnisquam Ave., died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 in her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Laconia, the daughter of Barbara (Wheeler) Cyr. Donna worked as a retail manager for Sweeterville and for True's clothing. She enjoyed motorcycle riding, traveling and camping. She was also a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Laconia.

In addition to her mother of Belmont, she is survived by her hus-



band, James T. Duso of Laconia; one daughter, Christine Fysh, and her husband Nate of Belmont; one brother, Wayne Clough of North Carolina; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colin and Brady

Fysh; five nieces and 12 nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Charlie Clough, and a nephew, Travis Clough.

There will be no calling hours.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Mary Florence Morse, 94

GILMANTON — Mary Florence Morse, 94, of 74 Foss Rd. died peacefully in her home, surrounded by love, and her family on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

She was born on April 9, 1923, in Gilmanton, the daughter of John A. Geddes and Florence (Edgerly) Geddes. She was a proud nurse and after retiring she enjoyed many years as a classroom volunteer at the Gilmanton Elementary school. She enjoyed music, playing the guitar and harmonica in her younger years, and later the Hammer Dulcimer.

Most recently, she took up the Bodhran drum at 92, playing with The Dump Run Gang. Mary was an active member of the Gilmanton Community Church and loved her church family as her own. She had a gift for hospi-



tal, loved cooking, spending time with family, friends and neighbors. She was known for her volunteerism and stepping in when needed. One of her greatest joys was her large weekly family dinners.

She leaves her sons, Herb Morse, John Morse and wife Donna, all of Gilmanton, Donald Morse and Trish Gordon of Pittsfield, and her daughter, Donna Morse, and Garrett Doyle of Alton; seven grandchildren; seven

great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Howard B Morse, and two brothers, Duncan A Geddes and David W Geddes.

A Celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Gilmanton Community Church, 497 Province Rd, Gilmanton.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Gilmanton Community Church, PO Box 16, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## International Film Series continues with "Selma"

LACONIA — The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library offers the film, "Selma," as the January selection for the International Film Series. Selma will be shown on Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:15 p.m.

"Selma" is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hosea Williams, James Bevel, and John Lewis.

1965 was a significant year for the U. S. Civil Rights Movement. Two events stand out. Four

black girls walking down stairs in the Birmingham, Ala. 16th Street Baptist Church were tragically killed by a bomb set by the Ku Klux Klan. Annie Lee Cooper attempted to register to vote in Selma, Ala., but was prevented by the white registrar. Voting rights become a central concern. Dr. King, along with other black leaders and Selma residents, marched to City Hall to request that blacks be allowed to register. After a confrontation in front of the courthouse, a shoving match occurred where the police brutally went into the crowd. Dr. King, along with other black leaders, was jailed.

Dr. King met with President Lyndon B. Johnson and asked for federal legislation to allow black citizens to register to vote without harassment. Though the president responded that he understood King's concerns, the Vietnam War was raging and he had more important concerns. Civil rights leaders decided to gather in Selma for action. Ralph Abernathy and Andrew Young joined Dr. King and other SCLC leaders to commit to a march in Selma. The subsequent terror and violence against the black community is important to keep in mind as part of the continuing struggle for civil rights in the U. S.

"Selma" is the January International Film selection as a part of celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday a week later.

This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from September through June at the Laconia Library. Check the International Film Series shelf at the library for this and other films shown over the past several years. Order films from this series through your own library if you do not live in Laconia!

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world. For more information contact Len Campbell at [lcampbell@nh-cc.org](mailto:lcampbell@nh-cc.org).

## Free blood pressure clinic to be offered in Gilmanton

GILMANTON — Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice will be offering another Free Blood Pressure Clinic, this time to be held at the Gilmanton Town Hall, 503 Province Rd. in Gilmanton. The clinic will be held on Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 from 9:10-10:30 a.m. Come meet your local visiting nurses and make a New Year's Resolution to care for your health!

No need to reserve a spot, just stop by. Call Heather Carpenter at the Gilmanton Town Hall at 267-6700, ext. 10 or Angela Smith at 524-8444 if you have any questions.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is happy to provide this service, always free of charge, anywhere in the Lakes Region. If you are interested in having a clinic in your town, call Angela Smith at the number shown above.

### About Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice

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## Mental Health Center project nearing completion

LACONIA — Building renovations are quickly nearing completion as Genesis Behavioral Health prepares to relocate its clinical and administrative offices to 40 Beacon St. East in downtown Laconia in early January. To coincide with the move, the organization will be embracing their corporate name; the Lakes Region Mental Health Center which was first established when they opened their doors more than 50 years ago.

"Dr. George 'Pete' Harris, one of our founders, understood that mental health care and physical health care is fundamentally linked," said Maggie Pritchard, Executive Director. "There are multiple associations between mental health and chronic physical conditions that significantly impact people's quality of life, increase demands on health care and other publicly funded services, and generate consequences to society. The renovation of this property into a state-of-the-art medical facility for our patients and for the community will allow us to close service gaps, enhance the quality of care, expand the services available to our patients, and make access to care easier for those that need it. It is the next step towards furthering our mission of providing

integrated health care to the residents of the Lakes Region."

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to expand and strengthen our relationships with the community in bringing this much needed project to the greater Lakes Region," said Pritchard.

The Lakes Region Mental Health Center is excited to have a facility in which community partners and patients can utilize space for trainings, education, and enrichment opportunities. Partnerships between community members, area businesses, foundations and other stakeholders will allow the organization to more effectively meet the needs of the community and contribute to the region's overall wellbeing and economic vitality, says Ann Nichols, Director of Development & Public Relations.

A Chamber Meet & Greet and Community Open House are planned for Feb. 1, 2018.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about this project or wishes to donate to the capital campaign may do so at [cc.genesisbh.org](http://cc.genesisbh.org) or by contacting Ann Nichols at 524-1100, ext. 445 or [anichols@genesisbh.org](mailto:anichols@genesisbh.org).

The Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc. is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community men-

tal health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, LRMHC serves nearly 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illness; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 524-1100 or visit the website at [www.lrmhc.org](http://www.lrmhc.org). Find the Lakes Region Mental Health Center on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and information.



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## Bulldogs play to tie with Bearcats in holiday tourney

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

CONWAY — The Belmont-Gilford Bulldogs traveled to the Ham Arena in Conway for the Peter Hall Christmas Classic, hosted by

the Kennett Eagles. The tournament opened on Dec. 26, with the Bulldogs taking on Somersworth-Coe-Brown.

The Bearcats got the first two goals of the game, as they scored



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Harrison Parent chases down the puck in action against Somersworth-Coe-Brown on Dec. 26.

with less than four minutes gone in the first period for a 1-0 lead and they upped that lead to 2-0 less than a minute later and they took that lead

to the second period.

The second period belonged to the Bulldogs, as they scored a pair of goals in the middle frame. The first came with 4:28 to go in the period and the second came in the final seconds of the period to send the game to the third period with the score tied at two.

Belmont-Gilford got on the board with a 3-2 lead with five minutes to go in the game but they couldn't hold on to the lead, as the Bearcats scored in the final three minutes to send the

game to overtime with the score tied at three.

In the four-on-four five-minute extra session, both teams had chances but neither team was able to put the puck in the net and the game finished with a 3-3 tie to open the tournament.

The Bulldogs returned to action the next day against Dover and fell to the Green Wave by a 4-0 score.

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## Gilford, Belmont win tournament openers

GILFORD — The Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament opened on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and featured boys' and girls' teams from Gilford, Moultonborough, Belmont, Kingswood, Newfound, Laconia and Prospect Mountain and Winnisquam.

The opening day of the tournament saw the Belmont boys and girls both dispatch Winnisquam in the first round and the Gilford boys and girls both dispatch Moultonborough in the first round, all in the high school gym.

In the middle school gym, the Laconia boys and girls both defeated Prospect Mountain, the Newfound girls defeated Kingswood and the Kingswood boys defeated Newfound.

This set up consolation games between the Winnisquam and Prospect Mountain boys and girls, the Kingswood and Moultonborough girls and the Newfound and Moultonborough boys as well as semifinals between the Laconia and Belmont boys and girls, the Gilford and Newfound girls and the Kingswood and Gilford boys,

all of which took place on Thursday, after the early holiday deadlines for this week's paper.

## Local alpine teams race at Bretton Woods

BY BOB MARTIN  
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BRETTON WOODS — Several Lakes Region teams competed in the alpine ski meet on Dec. 21 at Bretton Woods Ski Area, with Belmont leading the way in the boys' giant slalom and slalom races.

### Belmont Boys' giant slalom (first)

Nolan Gagnon placed second with a combined time of 1:09.61.

Lars Major placed third with a combined time of 1:10.95.

Mitchell Berry placed seventh with a combined time of 1:12.98.

Jake Deware placed 17th with a combined time of 1:16.99.

### Boys' slalom (first)

Major took first place with a combined time of 34.81.

Gagnon placed third

with a combined time of 37.07.

DeWare placed eighth with a combined time of 38.14.

Berry placed 16th with a combined time of 43.76.

### Girls' giant slalom (fourth)

Katie Gagnon placed sixth with a combined time of 1:15.65.

Keagan Berry placed 20th with a combined time of 1:22.28.

Becca Camire placed 23rd with a combined time of 1:24.06.

Abby Camire placed 29th with a combined time of 1:26.35.

### Girls' slalom (fourth)

Gagnon was second with a combined time of 37.50.

Abby Camire was 12th with a combined time of 43.10.

Becca Camire was 21st with a combined time of 48.02.

Berry was 41st with a combined time of 58.85.

### Gilford Boys' giant slalom (second)

Christian Workman placed fourth with a combined time of 1:11.08.

Tyler Hanf placed sixth with a combined time of 1:12.54.

Colton Workman placed 11th with a combined time of 1:15.60.

Brandan Bergman placed 28th with a combined time of 1:23.57.

### Boys' slalom (third)

Hanf placed fourth with a combined time of 37.22.

Christian Workman placed ninth with a combined time of 38.74.

Colton Workman placed 10th with a combined time of 38.97.

Adam Donnelly placed 33rd with a combined time of 50.42.

### Girls' giant slalom (second)

Bethany Tanner placed seventh with a combined time of 1:15.76.

Sydni Lehr placed eighth with a combined time of 1:15.88.

Bailey Hildreth placed 16th with a combined time of 1:19.18.

Hannah Lord placed 18th with a combined time of 1:20.66.

### Girls' slalom (second)

Hildreth placed fourth with a combined time of 38.01.

Lehr placed sixth with a combined time of 41.16.

Kendall Jones placed 16th with a combined time of 46.64.

Lord placed 24th with a combined time of 49.95.

### Moultonborough Academy Boys' giant slalom (sixth place)

Jake Malatesta placed 14th with a combined time of 1:16.10.

Hayden Stewart placed 19th with a combined time of 1:18.74.

Andre Sturgeon placed 20th with a com-

combined time of 1:20.37.

Logan Gunderson placed 31st with a combined time of 1:25.54.

### Boys' slalom (fifth place)

Sturgeon placed 13th with a combined time of 42.56.

Malatesta placed 15th with a combined time of 43.70.

Stewart placed 24th with a combined time of 47.33.

Joey Marra placed 31st with a combined time of 49.03.

### Girls' giant slalom (sixth place)

Abi Iverson placed 22nd with a combined time of 1:24.02.

Grace Blackadar placed 30th with a combined time of 1:26.48.

Cassidy Sturgeon placed 32nd with a combined time of 1:27.23.

Elise Stewart placed 33rd with a combined time of 1:27.26.

### Girls' slalom (sixth)

Iverson placed 15th with a combined time of 46.08.

Blackadar placed 25th with a combined time of 50.97.

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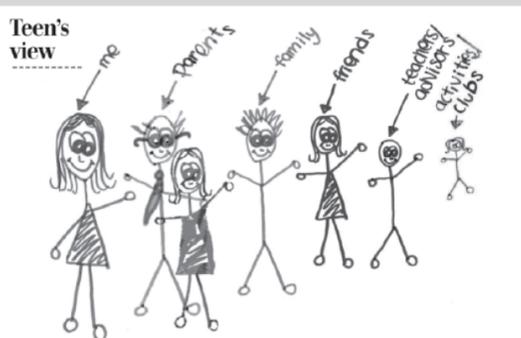


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