

# Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H.

## Voters to decide on equipment purchases, town budget

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Voting on the town's warrant articles, including the budget and different capital purchases, will be this coming Tuesday.

The polls will be open at the Gilford Youth Center on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Article 4 is the general operating budget of \$14,263,580. If the article is defeated the default budget will be \$13,645,456, which is the same as last year's with required adjustments.

Article 5 is the three year collective bargaining for certain Public Works employees. The

agreement will be between the board of selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 534 on

behalf of certain Public Works Employees. The article has a \$700 increase for benefits each year over the next three years, including accounting

for the \$700 increase this year.

Article 6 is for \$64,000 for the phase two of the Police Department's radio system upgrade

project. Funding for the second of three phases would come from the surplus fund balance and not from taxation.

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## Selectmen decide against proposed dog ban

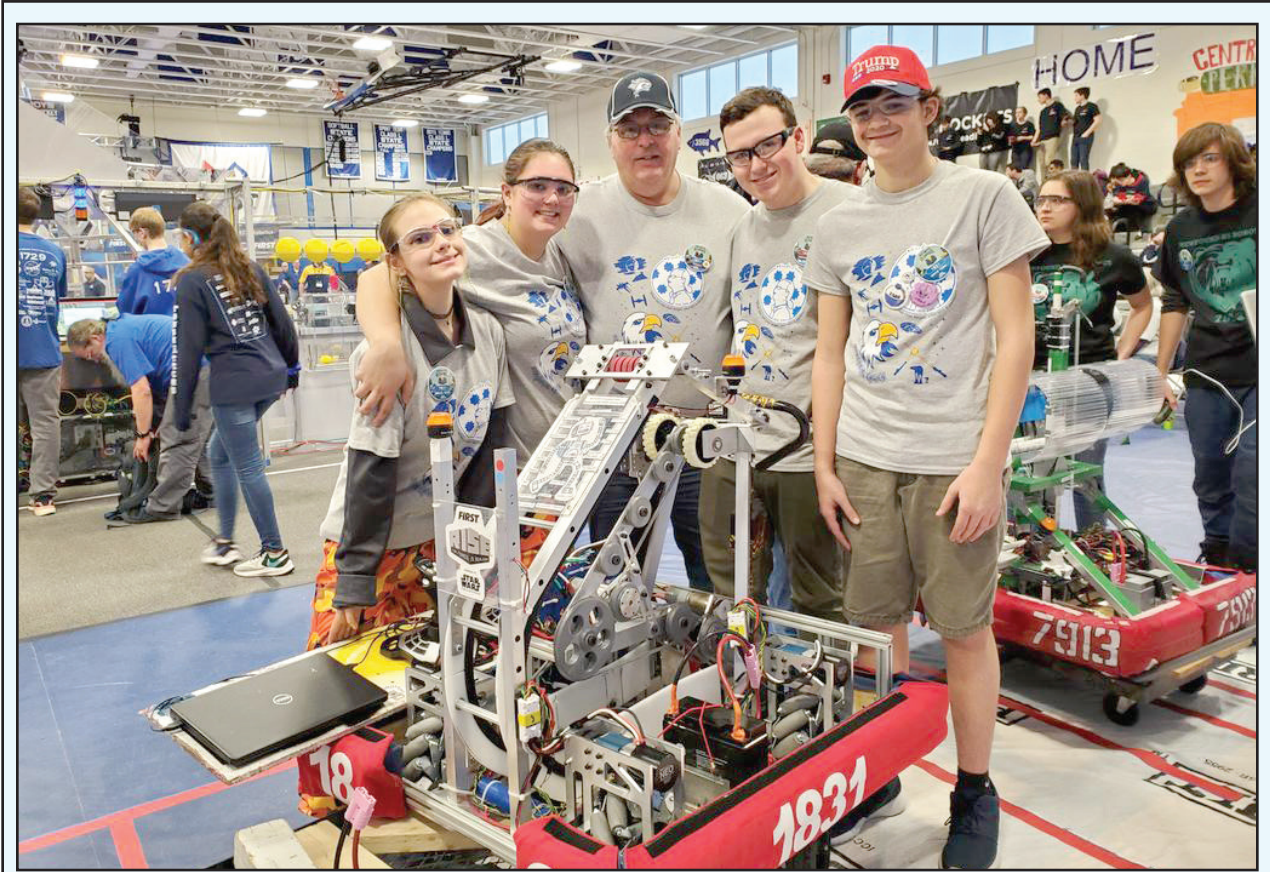
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The selectmen will not pursue a regulation banning dogs from some town parks following strong opposition and will instead look into other options to control dog waste.

Last Wednesday, the selectmen held a public hearing on a proposed rule banning dogs from Stonewall

Park and Village Field with a proposed fine of \$25 for the first offense. Board Chair Richard Grenier said this was meant to be a preliminary public hearing, and they might not vote that night if they decide the proposal needs changes.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn said this was part of a series of proposals. SEE DOG BAN PAGE A8



COURTESY

### Eager Eagles

Gilford High School's FIRST robotics team, the Screaming Eagles, eagerly await the start of a recent competition. Photo courtesy of the school's Twitter feed.

## Temporary parking ban to take effect at GES

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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Areas of Belknap Mountain Road in front of Gilford Elementary School will be declared temporary no parking zones during high traffic periods to alleviate road congestion.

Last Wednesday, the selectmen gave their approval for this proposal by Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee on the request of members of the school administration.

Bean Burpee said the police department and school administration have regular discussions on topics

like the School Resource Office (SRO) program, DARE, and any other issues that come up. One topic that has come up regularly is parking along Belknap Mountain Road alongside GES and issue it creates with traffic flow. This is especially an issue with parents lining up to drop off and pick up students and during special events. Bean Burpee said he saw this first hand when at the school during a showcase event.

"Even with snow piled on the side of the road, people are still parking SEE PARKING BAN PAGE A8

## Funds for future building improvement, tech projects top school district warrant

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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Gilford voters will decide on a number of articles putting money away for future building improvement projects during voting on the school district

warrant on Tuesday.

Voters will decide on town and school district articles at the Gilford Youth Center on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Article 2 is the school district's budget of \$25,440,987. If this article fails the default budget will be \$25,576,745.

Article 3 is the collective bargaining agreement between the school board and the Gilford Education Association. The three-year contract has an estimated increase of \$279,447 for the 2020-2021 school year and the article includes that amount. The increases for the next two years are projected at \$256,034 for the 2021-2022 school year and \$278,896 for the 2022-2023 school year.

If Article 3 fails, Article 4 would authorize the governing body to call a special meeting to address cost items in Article 3. This article will be passed over of Article 3 passes.

Article 5 would put up to \$150,000 into the School Buildings Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund from the surplus fund balance.

The next scheduled project is redoing the locker rooms at Gilford High School that were built in 1974. The project would cost around \$870,000 and has been scheduled for the 2022-2023 school year. Currently there is \$302,860 in this fund.

Article 6 would put up to \$62,500 into the School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund from the surplus fund balance. The fund currently totals \$189,873. Roofing projects are scheduled for GHS and Gilford Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$800,000.

Article 7 is for \$30,000 to be taken from surplus fund balance and put into the School Buildings Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund, which currently has \$91,175. The district plans to undertake a wireless infrastructure project costing around \$182,000 in the 2021-2022 school year.

Article 8 would approve the Authorized Regional Enrollment Plan Agreement between the Gilford and Gilmanton School Districts for 12 years SEE SCHOOL PAGE A8



COURTESY

### Threads of Evolution exhibit now open at Belknap Mill

The Belknap Mill's 'Threads of Evolution' exhibit takes you on a visual journey of the Mill from 1823 to the present day. A restored version of the 'Belknap mini-Mill' has taken on a whole new look thanks to the countless hours of Peter Ellis, the Mill's 'master tinkerer' who dedicates so much of his time to our museum. Both of these exhibits are visually delightful and take you back in time as well as depicting a vision for the future. We invite you to come visit this incredible walk through time and history!



## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

**BY MARK THOMAS**  
Library Correspondent

Tick Tock goes the clock and night is fast approaching. Finding the fastest avenue to the land of slumber

can be tricky. Trickier still is staying lost in the twilight world of our dreams. According to the National Sleep Foundation Sleep in America Poll

(2019), only 47 percent of people report being well-rested on weekdays. Perhaps the right book can ease such troubles.

While a “how to” guide might be a tad much, there are plenty of books to aid getting into the right mindset to improve sleep. “The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep is Broken and How to Fix it” and “Why We Can’t Sleep: A Woman’s New Mid-life Crisis” are non-fiction books that explore the impediments to getting a better night’s sleep.

For a less academic approach, it may be better to hunker down

with fiction to ease into slumber. “Early Riser” is a story wherein people hibernate during the harsh winters, and follows a member of the “Winter Service” as he deals with his first winter outside the safety of sleep. Any book can do, though thrillers may be counter-productive to this endeavor.

On that note, thrillers and suspense aren’t the only means through which to enjoy a good mystery. If murder is on the mind, then something in the “Cozy Mysteries” genre may catch your fancy. No exces-

sive gore or heinous descriptions to set the mind on edge, just simple mystery solving on a pleasant backdrop.

If a swift resolution will translate into swift sleep for yourself, perhaps a collection of short stories to enjoy nightly. “Birds of a Lesser Paradise” is a short story collection full of heart, love, and emotion to warm the soul. If you search for “SC” under “Call # Begins With” in our catalog, a plethora of collections will jump out to entertain.

Whether it be a novel one from our own collection or a tactic learned from one of the non-fiction tomes, book yourself a good night’s sleep now!

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

In a Virtual World at the Library, 5-7 p.m.

3D Printing For Dummies, 5-5:30 p.m.

Get the basics on 3D printing and use the Library’s Ultimaker 3 printer to begin a print immediately. This technology is accessible for anyone, just come learn how!

Clickers, 6:30-8 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 11

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

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

Lakes Region Fiber Artists and Crafters, 10 a.m.-noon

Teen Early Release JACKBOX games, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Come play the insanely wacky, social games from the Jackbox series during Early Release! We’ll have other board and tabletop games making a good time for all.

Early Release Activity: Lucky Leprechaun Traps and Snacks, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Be prepared to catch that trouble making leprechaun before St. Patrick’s Day with your homemade trap. You will also learn how to make an enticing snack that he may like. \*Sign-up required (K-4th grade)

Line Dancing: Advanced, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 12

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Yoga Fun, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and learn and enjoy basic yoga moves and mindfulness through songs and games. Ages two and a half to six years \*sign-up required

Homeschool Game Club, 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Foreign Movie Night, 7-9 p.m.

This month’s movie is “About Elly,” an unrated drama/thriller film from Iran with a run time of 119 minutes.

### Classes & Special Events March 5-12

#### Thursday, March 5

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

It’s the celebration of the year! Come and join us for a storytime with The Cat in the Hat, games, and of course cake to celebrate his birthday. Ages five and under.

Homeschool Game Club, 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

#### Friday, March 6

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

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

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

#### Monday, March 9

Tai Chi Chih, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Baby Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Down Syndrome Team, 4-8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 10

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Hook Nook, 10-11 a.m.

Volunteer Training, 10-11 a.m.

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

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. “Blindside” by James Patterson
2. “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens
3. “Long Range” by C.J. Box
4. “Long Bright River” by Liz Moore
5. “The Museum of Desire” by Jonathan Kellerman
6. “The Island of Sea Women” by Lisa See
7. “Dear Edward” by Ann Napolitano
8. “American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins
9. “The Yellow House” by Sarah M. Broom
10. “The Wife and the Widow” by Christian White

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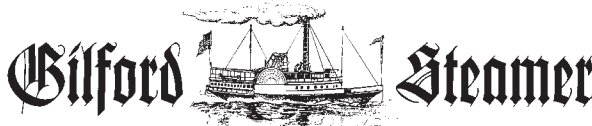
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# Gilford Parks and Recreation News

**BY HERB GREENE**  
Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation  
**27th Annual Francoeur/Babcock Memorial Basketball Tournament!**

Come and see Youth Basketball at its best in Gilford during the 27th Annual Francoeur/Babcock Memorial Basketball Tournament taking place at the Gilford Middle School from Thursday, March 5 to Sunday, March 8. Sponsored by the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, the tournament will host 12 area teams consisting of boys and girls in grades three to six from Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia and Sanbornton. This invitational tournament is held in memory of Aaron T. Francoeur, who was a 13 year old Gilford Middle/High School student when he succumbed to cancer in the summer of 1993. Nathan Babcock's name was added in 2006 after he lost his battle with cancer in the fall of 2005. All proceeds from this tournament are given in scholarships in Aaron's and Nate's names to deserving

Gilford students who are furthering their post high school education. Many former players and scholarship recipients return each year to help at the tournament, be it officiating, scoring, timing, selling tickets and t-shirts, or working at the concession stand. The tournament this year will consist of the following divisions and teams:

- Junior (Coed) Division (Grades 3 and 4) - Gilford, Gilmanton, Lou Athanas and Sanbornton
  - Senior Girls Division (Grades 5 and 6) - Gilford, Belmont, Franklin and Lou Athanas
  - Senior Boys Division (Grades 5 and 6) - Gilford, Belmont, Lou Athanas and Sanbornton
- The schedule for the opening rounds of play will be:
- Thursday, March 5**  
Junior Division (Coed) Gilford vs. Lou Athanas at 5 p.m.
  - Junior Division (Coed) Gilmanton vs. Sanbornton at 6:15 p.m.

- Senior Girls Division Gilford vs. Franklin at 7:30 p.m.
  - Friday, March 6**  
Senior Girls Division Lou Athanas vs. Belmont at 5 p.m.
  - Senior Boys Division Gilford vs. Belmont at 6:15 p.m.
  - Senior Boys Division Lou Athanas vs. Sanbornton at 7:30 p.m.
- On Saturday, March 7, games will begin at 8 a.m., and the last game of the day will be played at 6 p.m. On Sunday, March 8, the Championship round games are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

The tournament is open to the public, and everyone, young and old alike, is invited to attend. The admission fee is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. A Tournament Family Pass (all games) is also available for \$10. Children not of school age, coaches and players are free. Be sure to mark your calendars now and come join us for some great basketball, positive competition, good sportsmanship, and community spirit!

**Senior Moment-um Halloween Bingo and Appetizers on March 9**  
The Gilford Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, March 9. We will meet at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for some fun Bingo with a variety of prizes. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer to share with the group and we'll provide drinks and paper goods! Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday, March 6. For more informa-

tion or to RSVP please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722. Limited seats still available for Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 18. There are still a limited number of seats available on a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the New York Knicks on Wednesday, March 18. Cost of the trip is \$80 per person, and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and your ticket (section 311 of the balcony) to the game. Our deluxe

motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 4:45 p.m. and the Tioga Pavilion in Belmont at 5 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the 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).

## Patrick's welcomes Laconia Kiwanis at Connect event

GILFORD — Patrick's Pub and Eatery welcomes Laconia Kiwanis at their networking event, "Connect," on Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. Laconia Kiwanis' mission is to empower the community to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of

children. The Laconia Kiwanis are providing a positive influence in the community so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive. This is accomplished through service and financial support to many local programs in the Lakes Region such as Central New Hampshire VNA's Young Children Priority One program, Got Lunch! Laconia, The Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region, the Salvation Army, Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, and our local Elementary Schools through our Kiwanis KARES® program. These programs are just a handful of a myriad that Kiwanis of Laconia supports, but at Kiwanis of Laconia, it's all about the Kids! Laconia Kiwanis;

Changing the world one child and one community at a time. Meet, mingle, and enter to win some fun prizes at their Connect event! Patrick's Connect features local businesses and organizations. The evening includes complimentary craft beer sampling from Woodstock Brewery and raffle drawings at 7 and 8 p.m. An additional Grand Prize of an overnight stay, brewery tour and breakfast at the Woodstock Inn is given away at 8 p.m. For more information on Patrick's Connect, or to register your own business to be featured at an event, call Megan at 293-0841, email [megan@patrickspub.com](mailto:megan@patrickspub.com) or visit [www.patrickspub.com/connect](http://www.patrickspub.com/connect). To learn more about Laconia Kiwanis, please visit [laconiakiwanis.com](http://laconiakiwanis.com).

## Be part of a Healing Ministry in the Lakes Region

On March 27 and 28, Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry 101 and 102 Classes will be held at Hope Ministries in Gilford. The Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry Program is designed to assist you in the knowledge and tradition of the laying-on-of hands and anointing with oil for healing body, mind, and spirit. Healing IS the work of Christianity. Our program teaches the sacred healing art that flows from the love and

compassion we have for one another. Our curriculum answers the need for quality education on the spiritual and scriptural aspects of a healing ministry for today's Christians. Our philosophy of caring forms the basis of our teaching — we are all instruments for the healing energies of God. We promote the art of healing as well as the art of spiritual presence practiced by all those in healing ministry. Healing Touch Spir-

itual Ministry 101 & 102 Introduction to Healing Ministry and Judeo-Christian Anointing This inspiring introductory retreat provides an overview of the history of healing in Christianity with the opportunity to experience the laying-on of hands. An emphasis on anointing and how it was lost in history will also be included. The roles of prayer and belief and developing a healing presence are presented along with

guided meditations. Nine essential oils commonly used in the Biblical time are introduced with hands-on healing methods derived from the laying-on of hands. Join us on March 27 and 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (lunch included) for this uplifting spiritual retreat. Classes will be held at Hope Ministries, First United Methodist Church, 18 Wesley Way (Route 11A near the 3/11 bypass), Gilford. For more information please call Kathy Smith at 524-1330 or email her at [nhhope@gmail.com](mailto:nhhope@gmail.com). Or you can register online at [www.ISHAhealing.com](http://www.ISHAhealing.com). Continuing Education credits are available ISHA's Healing Touch spiritual Ministry program offers continuing education for nurses through Taylor College, Calif.

## Kianna Olson graduates from Bethel University

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Kianna Olson graduated from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn., following the fall 2019 semester. Olson earned a degree in Business. She is the daughter of Paul Olson from Gilford. Bethel University is a leader in

Christ-centered higher education with nearly 5,500 students from 48 states and 42 countries enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and adult education programs. Based in St. Paul, Minnesota, with an additional seminary location in San

Diego, California, Bethel offers bachelor's and advanced degrees in nearly 100 fields through classroom-based and online programs. For further information on Bethel University, go to [www.bethel.edu](http://www.bethel.edu).


## University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean's List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2019 semester, including Casey Libuda of Gilford.


Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the U.S. Students who re-

ceived Dean's List honors for fall 2019 completed 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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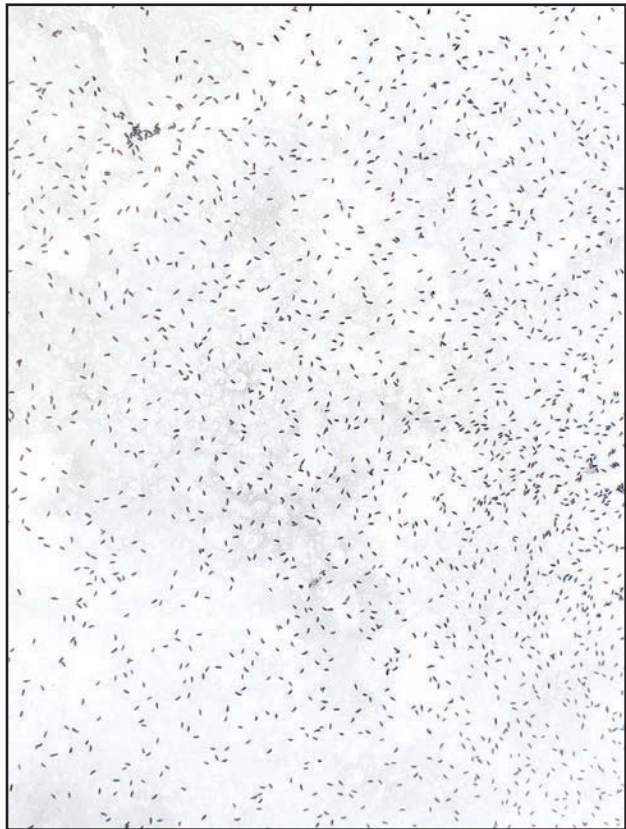
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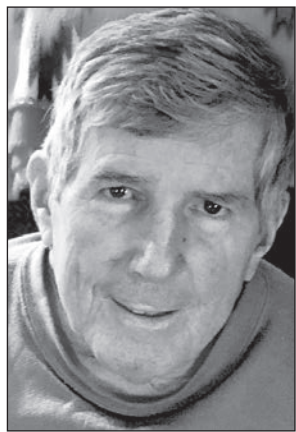
## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

*Just look down at your feet, please, and pause a moment for snow fleas*



GERRY ALLEN — COURTESY

On a recent sunny day, Gerry Allen took one of the best photos of snow-fleas I've ever seen. But you know what? It still looks like someone just held a pepper shaker over a sheet of white paper.



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

This is the time of year when, whenever you go out, you can see snow fleas. Maybe.

Under certain conditions. On the snow. At certain times. In some places. "If you hold your mouth right," as longtime canoe partner Earl Bunnell liked to say.

But here's the biggest condition of all: You have to look down. Or, even better, back at your own footsteps. Now there's a novel thought.

What is it about snow fleas that make some people think, automatically, that it's some kind of joke? They look at you twice--the double-take--then with a suspicious squint. "What, are you trying to put something over on me?"

That's when I want to jump up and down, waving my arms criss-cross above my head in the old international sign of distress, and shout "For Pete's sake, don't you ever look down? Or even back at your own trail?"

Because the snow

fleas are there for all to see, by the hundreds--no, thousands--no, hundreds of thousands--no, millions. Literally. They are the not-so-short-lived phenomenon of the north.

Near-neighbor, logger, master carpenter and fellow outdoor writer Gerry Allen is (fortunately for me) a kindred soul when it comes to snow fleas. During a recent bloom of these little insects, he was out and about and I wasn't, and he took a photo, which is hard to do. Mostly, the photos look like someone upended a pepper-shaker onto a blank sheet of paper.

So Gerry sent me this picture of a whole bunch of snow fleas he noticed erupting all over the surface of the snow when he was out slogging around near his home the other day. It was a gorgeous, sunny, late-February afternoon, perfect for snow fleas.

Gerry's photo looked just like (guess what?) someone took a giant pepper shaker and (but you know the rest).

These tiny creatures are not fleas at all, but are members of the springtail family, and exist on the detritus (decaying vegetation) on the forest floor (or in pastures and fields--just about anywhere there's something to eat.

When they release their tails, which are normally carried tucked under the

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COURTESY

## Artists of the Month

At its February meeting, members of the Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery voted on selecting their choices for 'Artists of the Month' based on the paintings and photography entered into the judging. The best of the best are (L-R) Sherwood Frazier-his entry now on display at Northway Bank, Meredith, Duane Hammond-Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith, Susan Merritt-Northway Bank, Laconia, Gail Brunt-Laconia Public Library. Seated, (LR) Martha AuCoin-Bank of New Hampshire, Gilford Village and Phyllis Meinke-Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin. Not pictured are: Audrey Rougeot-Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin and Kat Pieszchala-Northway Bank, Tilton. Their chosen entries are for sale and on display until the end of March. The Lakes Region Art Association/Gallery is located in the Tanger Mall, Laconia Road, Suite 132, Tilton. The gallery is open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## FROM OUR READERS

### Hoping for a chance to continue serving Gilford

To the Editor:

As a candidate for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, I humbly ask for your support. A resident and taxpayer of the Town for 20 years, I also served as your elected Town Clerk - Tax Collector (TC-TC) for 15 years.

I came to the Town in 1987 as the Assistant to the TC-TC. Over the years, I worked my way up to Deputy TC-TC and upon there being a vacancy, was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the TC-TC. I was successfully elected in 2005 for a three year term and re-elected four more terms; until resigning in July 2019 to accept an appointment of the State of New Hampshire, Secretary of State and confirmed by Governor and Council. I had the honor and distinct privilege to be appointed as the State Registrar and Director of Vital Records. It is a testament to my knowledge, work ethic and dedication to have received this honor. I now work directly for the Honorable William Gardner, Secretary of State for the State of New Hampshire and continuing to provide direct customer service on behalf of this great State of ours.

While serving as your elected TC-TC, I served all of the residents, taxpayers and those passing through fairly and ethically by registering and titling vehicles and providing the extra service of issuing license plate and decals, issuing birth, death and marriage certificates and licenses and many, many other duties. Billing and collecting millions of dollars of tax revenue and sewer revenue. I worked directly with and

for the taxpayers, meeting with them one-on-one to assist them in their time of need. I have been providing excellent customer service to Gilford for more than 30 years, and have worked two jobs for many of those years. My son Jason is a graduate of GHS class of 2005. I was audited annually and provided all the required reports to the Town and State. I prepared and defended budgets and expenditures for the Department. Through my records management program, I received a moose plate grant and had the vision to upgrade shelving in the vault to safely house the history of the Town.

While serving the Town, I brought online auto registrations, one-check processing, credit cards, drop box for payments and added extra office hours (Thursdays until 6 p.m.) to better serve you. It is my dedication, integrity, honor, experience, vision for the future and fair and equitable service and representation to public that I offer you as the next Selectman of the Town of Gilford. I appreciate all the support and inquiries for more political signs however, I have a set budget for my campaign and I have reached my maximum spending. I am staying within my budget plan because It is not the most signs that will win an election it is the most voters that turn out and select you to represent them that will win an election!

I urge you to vote Denise Morrisette Gonyer for Selectman on Tuesday, March 10. Thank you!

Denise M. Gonyer  
Gilford

### Seeking your support for school board

To the Editor:

My name is Amber LaTorre, and I am running for a seat on the Gilford School Board. My husband and I chose to move to Gilford five years ago because of what it had to offer our family, especially the Gilford School District. Our daughter Stella is a second grader at Gilford Elementary, and loves it with all her heart. Gilford is our home and our community and I am proud to live here. I am running for school board because I am invested in our children, community, and schools and want to give back to this wonderful town. As a parent, I will support policies that meet the needs of all students and teachers, while being fiscally responsible with our tax dollars.

I am a member of the PTA, and I regularly volunteer in my daughter's classroom. I am a proud graduate of Villanova University. I have worked in the finance industry for the last 17 years for a large international company. At work, I often face challenging business situations where I am able to think strategically and logically to develop mutually beneficial solutions. Throughout

my career, I have been exposed to people from diverse backgrounds. The world is changing and becoming smaller through more integration with technology. I believe I have the skills to lead our school districts during these changing times while maintaining a focus on the impact to our local community.

With cooperation and hard work, I know we can continue to make Gilford School District a safe place that is welcoming and inclusive for our students and teachers. As a community, we must keep our children's needs at the forefront when making policies. I am a firm believer in open communication and transparency between the school board and the taxpayers of this community. I want our children to receive the highest quality education we can provide. I believe I can use my skills, passion and experience to help the school board strategically reach long-term goals while balancing the needs of the short term. I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 10.

Amber LaTorre  
Gilford

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# Learning Garden Series begins March 3 at Prescott Farm

LACONIA – Gardeners of every experience level can kick off the 2020 growing season with confidence and know-how when they join Prescott Farm for The Learning Garden, a series of programs designed to guide growers through every step of the gardening process.

“The Learning Garden” at Prescott Farm is a space to explore organic gardening practices, ask questions, and even make

mistakes. Gardeners with all levels of experience (including none at all) are welcome to learn together during our gardening series.

On Tuesday, March 3 (6-7:30 p.m.), Prescott Farm staff will lead “Starting Seeds.” The workshop provides hands-on experience so gardens will feel confident starting seeds that will grow into strong, resilient plants. Topics will include seed starting mediums, timing,



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Hayden McLaughlin (far left) and Jeff Sirles (far right) of Belknap Landscape Co., Inc. join Prescott Farm staff and program participants during a May 2019 organic gardening workshop. Belknap Landscape is once again supporting Prescott Farm’s gardening programs as a Business Partner for the 2020 Learning Garden series of programs. The series begins with “Starting Seeds” on Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at Prescott Farm on White Oaks Road.

## Celebrate Winni Dip weekend

LACONIA — The annual Special Olympics New Hampshire Winni Dip fundraiser has grown in recent years and is now a week-end-long event. March 7 and 8 will see members of law enforcement jumping into the frigid water of Lake Winnepesaukee as well as middle and high school students and community members.

SONH is celebrating 50 years in the Granite State this year and has been using the “Nifty Fifties” theme for this year’s Winter Water Sports events including the Winni Dip events. On Saturday, March 7, members of law enforcement will be the first to brave the icy lake. A costume parade will be held in the Margate ballroom at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Law Enforcement Winni Dip at noon.

“The partnership between Special Olympics and New Hampshire’s law enforcement is a great one. It’s a year-round collaboration that includes the Law Enforcement Torch Run, events like the Winni Dip and handing out medals during competition,” according to SONH President & CEO Mary Conroy.

“The Law Enforcement Torch Run has

existed for more than 35 years and raised more than \$6 million to support Special Olympics New Hampshire,” according to Conroy.

On Saturday afternoon, the Cool School Winni Dip starts with a 3 p.m. costume parade. It’s open to middle school and high school students, faculty and staff. Cool School Winni Dip participants who have fundraised for SONH will head out to the Big Lake at 3:30 p.m. for an icy dip.

Sunday, March 8 brings the Community Winni Dip to the Margate. This is open to anyone 15 years of age or older and starts with an 11:30 a.m. costume parade with the dip at noon time.

Special Olympics New Hampshire is rolling out a new fundraising dip this year as well. The 24-hour MEGA Winni Dip will cross over both weekend days. These participants will dip 24 times across 24 consecutive hours of the weekend.

All dips are followed by a post-dip celebration and awards ceremony.

Participants are eligible for an array of great incentive items as they raise funds to help change the lives of the more than 3,000 Granite

State athletes served by SONH. Fundraising is done online, and anyone interested in participating still has time to register at [www.SONH.org](http://www.SONH.org).

**About SONH**

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports, every day around the world. We empower people with intellectual disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all. Using sports as the catalyst and programming around health and education, Special Olympics is fighting inactivity, injustice and intolerance.

heat and light requirements, and more. The seeds started on March 3 will be planted in Prescott Farm’s Learning Garden and be used throughout the spring, summer, and fall in educational programs like Fledglings Nature-based Preschool, WildQuest Camp, and Community Connection Programs.

**Future Learning Garden programs include:**

Saturday, April 4; 9:30-11 a.m. - Season Extenders	Tuesday, May 19; 6-7:30 p.m. - Planting your Garden	Tuesday, June 2; 6-7:30 p.m. - Types of Tomatoes	Tuesday, July 7; 6-7:30 p.m. - Friend or Foe? Insects in the Garden
Tuesday, August 4; 6-7:30 p.m. - The Fall Harvest	Saturday, October 10; 9:30-11 a.m. - Planting Garlic	Belknap Landscape Co., Inc. is the Business Partner Sponsor of The Learning Garden. SEE GARDEN PAGE A9	

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# “Tap into Maple” and more at Prescott Farm in March

LACONIA – What-ever the Groundhog may have promised, it’s that time of year when winter is starting to feel like it might last forever. Prescott Farm promises sweet signs of spring in the great outdoors throughout the month of March when the popular, month-long maple sugaring program returns.

Participants will connect with nature during every step of the syrup making process. Prescott Farm’s environmental educators go “beyond the sugar shack” when they expertly guide guests in how to identify the appropriate species and size tree, understand the parts of a tree and their functions, use historical and modern tree tapping tools, learn the history and legends of maple sugaring, and



understand the math and science involved the boiling process.

School & Community Programs Director Andie Hession is excited to welcome so many guests during the month of March. “We hear from folks all the time that they want to better understand and experience nature. Tap into Maple is the perfect opportunity to expand what they know – and they get plenty of fresh air

in the process,” Hession said.

Beginning on Saturday, March 7, visitors to Prescott Farm can attend one of the 90-minute Tap into Maple sessions. Programs begin on the hour and run from 10 am – 2 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and free to members of Prescott Farm. Pre-registration is recommended.

Participants should be aware that the program begins with a

guided 20-minute walk down to the authentic sugarhouse in the woods around Prescott Farm. If necessary, snowshoes and/or ice cleats will be provided for individuals who do not have them.

Beyond the Sap House Because Tap into Maple is one of Prescott Farm’s most popular series, the education staff has added companion programs

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## STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

### Socialism: Dream or nightmare?

BY LARRY SCOTT

The socialist dream currently being offered America is an offering that has all the earmarks of a national disaster. Bernie Sanders and his followers have the right to make such a pitch, but what astounds this writer is the ready acceptance it is enjoying by a significant portion of the American electorate.

Free health care for all, a free education, forgiveness for the millions carrying educational debt, and a liberal in the White House dealing with our social problems from a progressive point of view sounds to me like a sure death-blow to the American way of life. The Socialist States of America doesn’t appeal to me in the least.

Touted as “Democratic Socialism,” a moniker calculated to soften the threat, what is being championed is neither democratic nor socially beneficial. Democratic Socialism is, in fact, an oxymoron, a contradiction of terms. If it is democratic, it can’t be socialism, and if it is socialism, it won’t be democratic.

The theory sounds great on paper, or on the stump to a gullible public. Everybody working together for the overall good of the nation, prosperity evenly spread among all the workers, everyone serving according to their ability and

being rewarded according to their need ... now who is going to object to that?

Except that it’s a pipe-dream. Every human activity involving a group of people will inevitably need a leader, someone to make the final call on decisions that can’t be ignored. In a socialist economy that comes down to the state, and most generally, to the head of state.

And how are you going to pay for all of this?

Cut military spending? America’s democratic heritage has produced some powerful enemies. Our military might and willingness to use it when needed has, at least to a small extent, kept in check forces that would like to bring “death to America.” A weakened military will do little but embolden those determined to destroy us and our American way of life.

And, “Oh, yes!” Tax the rich. That seems to be the promise that resonates but only with those who would like to have someone else pay for their freedom. Sorry, but not even the “rich” could fund the billions being promised. Don’t let the rhetoric obscure the truth: funding for a socialist America will come from you and me ... and we will pay big!

As threatening as I find the socialist agenda to be, and I would presume you would

like to challenge some of what I have written, I am not one of those who believe the best thing for the Republican Party is a Bernie Sanders for President party ticket. We have been told by knowledgeable political pundits, “Be careful what you wish for!”

Now I will grant that if Jesus were head of state, my attitude would be remarkably different. But we have no such leader emerging from our society, and Bernie Sanders isn’t it!

Wake up, America! Our national mindset is such that a socialist make-over of our great nation is not beyond question. If you don’t take notice, if you won’t take seriously the threat that is being touted against our American way of life, or if, in November, you stay home and leave the fate of our nation to others, you may well get what you deserve.

We live in a great nation with great liberty and great opportunity for all. Let’s keep America great!

For more thoughts like these, follow me at [indefenseoftruth.net](http://indefenseoftruth.net).

LACONIA—After Paul Daisy retired and moved from New Jersey to Moultonborough, he went looking for volunteer opportunities to fill his time. He got connected to St. Vincent de Paul and later learned that the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction helped to support his new, favorite nonprofit.

So, Daisy signed up as an Auction volunteer, too, working at the fund-raising event each day from start to close. That was back in 2003, and 17 years later, Daisy is still working all week with Jennifer McGreevy, the first Auction volunteer he met on his first day. And he’s also working alongside Jennifer’s children—and other young people Daisy has watched grow up over the years.

It’s these connections Daisy values most about his work with the nonprofit.

“You meet people who you only see once a year, and yet it seems like you’re reconnecting with an old friend, year after year,” Daisy said. “Just like with Jennifer, I’ve watched her family grow along the way.”

Daisy, now 79, settled in Moultonborough in 2001, having recently retired from running his own business, working as a consultant on business process re-engineering with Fortune 500 companies around the United States. In his business he helped clients transition from paper to electronic exchange of common business transactions.

It seems fitting, then, that Daisy’s early role with the Children’s Auction involved the processing of donations, which has now become



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Paul Daisy

more high-tech. Daisy helped donors document their donation, indicating their name, a description of the item and its estimated worth. Another volunteer inputted the information and sorted the donations by category,

with Daisy acting as the go-between. After the items were auctioned off, he would carry them to the pick-up area.

Functionally, it still all works similarly now, but computers, digital

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WARRANT

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Article 7 is the five-year lease purchase agreement of \$250,000 for fire department air tanks and breathing apparatus and would put \$51,000 toward the first year's payment.

The town would get a new ambulance under Article 8, which would put \$275,000 from the Ambulance Services Revolving Fund with nothing from taxation.

A used roadside mower is in Article 9. The article would put \$75,000 from the surplus fund balance to purchase a used roadside mower.

Article 10 would purchase a heavy duty pickup truck with plow and accessories for \$125,000. The funding would come entirely from the surplus fund balance.

Article 11 would authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for \$180,000 for a backhoe for Public Works. The article includes the agreement and \$40,000 for the first year's payment.

Article 12 puts \$2,900 into the Police Dog and Training Capital Reserve Fund from surplus funds.

Article 13 would put \$10,387 into the Technology Capital Reserve Fund

with funds coming from cable franchise technology grants deposited into the general fund during the 2019 financial year.

Article 14 puts \$20,000 from surplus funds into the Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

The town would establish a new Public Works Building Capital Reserve Fund under Article 15 for the evaluation, design, and construction of a new Public Works building. Article 14 would also deposit \$50,000 from the surplus fund balance into the fund.

Article 16 would put \$25,000 into the Fire Water Supply Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, Article 17 would deposit \$17,000 into the Recreation Facilities Maintenance CRF, \$10,000 would go into the Facilities Maintenance Fund under Article 18, \$100,000 would go into the Fire Equipment CRF under Article 19, and Article 21 puts \$10,000 into the Sewer Maintenance CRF. The funding for all of these articles would come from the surplus fund balance.

Article 20 puts \$58,000 into the Lakes Business Park Capital Trust Fund as per the intermunic-

ipal agreement for the park, money coming from the surplus fund balance.

Article 22 would use \$6,500 to comply with a request from the Department of Environmental Services to investigate the source of PFOA and PFOS compounds in the municipal drinking water supply. The article is not recommended by the selectmen and the Budget Committee. Town officials have said this is an unfunded mandate from the state and voters rejecting the article would send that message to the state.

Article 23 would put \$10,000 toward the operation of the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program.

Article 24 would help support New Hampshire VNA and Hospice with \$23,500.

Lakes Region Mental Health Center would receive \$21,000 in support from the town under Article 25 to help offset the portion of charitable emergency care that was given to Gilford residents in 2019.

Article 26 would help support New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse with \$2,660.

DOG BAN

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ries of requests Gilford Cal Ripken made to the Recreation Commission and the decision was made to bring it forward to the board.

The room was packed with people, most of whom opposed the proposed ordinance.

David Stowe, a veterinarian and a dog owner himself, said dogs and people need exercise and both suffer obesity and related health problems because of it. He said there are more sidewalks in town, though this time of year, those sidewalks are covered in salt, which impacts dogs' health. He said dogs going into Village Field have the opportunity for exercise they can't get next to the road. Stowe suggested the town add more dog waste stations and increased signage reminding people to pick up after their dogs.

Gilford Cal Ripken president Mike Giovanditto said there was misunderstanding of what Cal Ripken was requesting. He said they requested that dogs be kept out

of the fenced in areas at Francoeur Field and Stonewall Park, saying they frequently have to clean up leftover waste when doing spring cleaning and dogs will go onto the baseball diamond when kids are there.

Jim McShane said he also goes to those fields for soccer games, and said he agreed that dogs defecating in those areas is a problem that should be addressed. He did, however, oppose an outright ban on dogs there.

"I agree with the owner of the field, but don't discriminate against everybody walking a dog along those fields," McShane said. "Those soccer games, people bring their dogs, they watch their kids playing soccer. You going to stop that? You can't stop them."

Brian Mercer said he was also under the impression the ban would cover all of Village Field. He said with this clarified information he would be fine with banning dogs in the fenced in area, though would not want the whole field to ban dogs.

"Banning all the dogs from the field sounds like a little bit of an overkill," said Eliza Deery.

Deery said education and holding people accountable are important parts of getting people to clean up after their dogs. She said if efforts in this direction don't work than maybe the town could consider something harsher next year.

Selectmen Gus Benavides and Chan Eddy both asked if people would be opposed to fines being imposed for those who don't clean up after their dog and most people indicated they wouldn't have a problem with that.

Grenier asked how much it would cost to put in more dog waste bag stations. Parks and Recreation director Herb Greene said he didn't have the exact figures but the one at Village Field now cost around \$200 and they usually go through a case of bags a year at around \$50 to \$75 a case.

Police chief Anthony Bean Burpee said he has three dogs and is a regular visitor at the dog park in Laconia. He said there are plenty of signs asking people to clean up but a lot of people don't follow them. Adding signs might help, but there are people that just won't read them.

"We live in a sign society, and people just don't read signs," Bean Burpee said.

He said enforcing a clean-up ordinance would be difficult since the police can't fine those who violate it unless they see it directly. If someone reports it, they have to track down the person or their vehicle, which can have complications and puts neighbors in a situation of having to testify against their neighbors.

The selectmen overall agreed against going forward with banning dogs from the parks and wanted to go back and examine other options.

"I think that perhaps this regulation is going a bit too far; it's going a lot too far," Eddy said.

Benavides said they could have another conversation about banning dogs from the fenced in field areas. He agreed with having a fine for not cleaning up after dogs and looking into getting more waste stations. Grenier said they could also put out an informational letter on any rules when the dog warrant is issued.

PARKING BAN

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on both sides of Belknap Mountain Road," Bean Burpee said.

He said this makes the road narrow, and makes it difficult for cars to travel down the road. It also creates a hazard for pedestrians using the crosswalk.

Bean Burpee said school administration, including Superintendent Kirk Beitler, suggested having temporary no parking signs alongside some parts of the road. Parking would be allowed in front of the cemetery, where there is a sidewalk, but not by the crosswalk.

"We're just trying to limit congestion and work with the superintendent in addressing some parking issues there," Bean Burpee said.

Selectman Gus Benavides asked if this was proposed with the blessing of the school board. Bean Burpee said he had been working with the superintendent though wasn't aware of the school board's opinion. He said because the road is a town road the town can take this action on its own. Benavides said he agrees with the plan, though it might be best if they get that blessing from the school board in case the school board starts getting complaints on the ban.

"I think this is going to have a major impact, I think a lot of people are going to be questioning this," Benavides said. "I think those of us who are parents who have gone through this and under-

stand this is a safety concern."

Bean Burpee said they could start with a temporary policy and then have those conversations with the school board and the administration.

Board Chair Richard Grenier supported the proposal.

"I couldn't agree more. I'm amazed it's taken this long," Grenier said. "I've been caught down there before; they block the road and will give you no break. It is utterly ridiculous."

He said he hoped the school would communicate with parents about this coming change to be ready for it.

Bean Burpee said they will have officers in that area during those times to enforce the parking

ban.

"This is a safety issue that goes beyond the school; it's the road itself," said Selectman Chan Eddy. "I think it's a good idea if we can get temporary signs out."

Town Administrator Scott Dunn said the selectmen could agree by consensus to put out the temporary signs. If there were any plans in the future to put the signs up there permanently that would require an ordinance chance with a public hearing.

The selectmen agree by consensus to put out the temporary signs. Bean Burpee said he would speak to Beitler and the signs might go out this week or the week after.

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and three and a half months. The plan includes a more precise formula for calculating tuition and capital costs as well as other improvements.

Article 9 is a petitioned article to put money toward the the services of an engineer and architect to do a study of a turf field athletic complex at GHS. The number in the article was amend-

ed to \$0 by petitioner Chris McDonough after members of the school board, Budget Committee, and residents spoke against the proposed \$62,500 for the project. McDonough amended the article to \$0 so such a project can better go through the district's planning process, rendering the article inert.



GARDEN

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den Series. “We are so grateful for their continued support,” Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Development & Communications Director, said. “Belknap Land-

scape’s commitment allows us to help people of every experience level connect to nature through backyard gardening and beyond.”

The cost to attend

the program is \$12 and free for members of Prescott Farm. For additional program information or to register, visit prescottfarm.org.

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under (no children under age five, please). Tickets are available online at [www.LRSO.org/TICKETS](http://www.LRSO.org/TICKETS), or from these ticket outlets: Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith and Greenlaw’s Music in Laco-

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PRESCOTT

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with a similar, sweet theme:

Kids Can Cook: With Maple Syrup - Saturday, March 21; 2-3:30 p.m. Children and adults explore different ways to add the taste of maple syrup to their plate.

Farm to Table Cooking: Maple Syrup at Every Meal - Saturday, March 28; 2-3:30 p.m. Adults will get inspired and learn how to add this New Hampshire staple to a variety of recipes.

Other Prescott Farm Community Connections programs in March include:

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AGING

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her bachelor’s in Social Work at Creighton University and earned her master’s in Social Work and doctorate in Gerontology at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She worked as a Medical Social Worker, attending to older adults, at healthcare facilities for more than seven years.

Doctor Lai’s research focuses on cognitive aging among older married couples, examining the influence of lifestyle activities, personality traits, psychological health, and memory outcomes. Currently, she is working on a cluster project with the Psychology and Nursing Programs at PSU on the “Music

and Memory” project at Glencliff Home.

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DAISY

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photography, and scanners are involved.

Daisy said, from his vantage point, the recent Children’s Auctions now dwarf the efforts of past years in terms of volume of donations and the total amount raised. The annual event now supports 62 nonprofits in the Lakes Region. While it raised \$2,100 in its first year, it brought in \$600,032 this year, its 38th.

“It is enjoyable because of the people I work alongside,” Daisy said again. “A lot of people put in way more than a week of time to ensure the Auction was well set up and then ran smoothly. It’s an extremely worthwhile event.”

Having moved from

a metro area where auctions were broadcast on the radio and on television, often raising millions for a cause wasn’t unusual in Daisy’s former world. But in a more rural environment like New Hampshire, he has always been impressed by the Children’s Auctions’ fundraising.

“I came here, and I found that, comparatively, we actually blew the amount of money being raised in metro areas out of the water,” he said. “It’s mind-boggling, and it’s because people are just so motivated to support our local children.”


At the 2020 Children’s Auction, you’ll likely find Daisy collecting donated items, taking

photos of them and otherwise helping behind the scenes. He’s also convinced some of his friends and loved ones—like close his friend Lisa Cornish, someone he met through St. Vincent de Paul, and his late wife, Gwen—to lend a hand, too.

“Since I started, the Children’s Auction has become more popular. A lot of people are interested in being part of it,” he said. “I’ll continue to volunteer myself for as long as I can. It’s an inspiring effort to raise money for the children who need it most.”

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## Gilford girls ousted in playoff opener

BY BOB MARTIN  
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GILFORD – The Gilford girls' basketball team made the Division 3 state tournament as a six seed and hosted 11th-ranked Monadnock last week. While it was only a four-point deficit at half-time, Monadnock pulled away after a dominant third quarter to beat the Golden Eagles 47-32 in the opening round of the playoffs.

It was all defense in the first quarter, as both teams tied with only one free throw made apiece until two minutes left. Monadnock hit a three pointer to go up 4-1 but then freshman Vanessa Flanders hit a layup on a nice drive to make it a one-point game. It ended at 5-3 after a quarter.

The second quarter saw the offense wake up with Monadnock outscoring Gilford 13-11. Flanders had four of her six points, and Allison Carr, Shelby Cole and Abby O'Connor provided the rest of the scoring. Monadnock was up 18-8 after a 7-0 run, but the Golden Eagles finished the quarter strong with good plays by Carr and Flanders on layups.

The third quarter was a tough one for the Golden Eagles, who were outscored 20-5. This was what put the game out of reach for Gilford. Despite playing well in the fourth quarter outscoring Monadnock 13-9, it was too far out of reach for Gilford to mount a comeback.

Leading the way for Gilford was Cole with seven points, three assists and three steals. Flanders had six points, two assists and three steals. Carr had six points, two assists and two steals. O'Connor had

BOB MARTIN  
(Right) Allison Carr shoots a jump shot for the Gilford girls' basketball team.



BOB MARTIN  
(Left) Abby O'Connor puts up a shot for the Golden Eagles in a playoff loss to the Monadnock Huskies.

a big night defensively with four blocks and was also big on the glass with 10 boards to go with her five points. Kate Sullivan had five points, eight boards and four blocks while Maura Hughes added a free throw.

It was the final game for seniors Cole, O'Connor, Abby Warren, Kyla Mercier and Gwen Knipping.

Coach Rick Forge gave credit to Monadnock for coming away with an upset win on the road, but he said it was just one of those nights for the Golden Eagles who couldn't seem to get things going.

"They played good defense on us and played man to man on us," said Forge. "We missed shots early and had a lot of turnovers, and we got into major foul trouble."

The Golden Eagles committed 16 fouls in the first half and Monadnock did well hitting free throws.

"They had 18 points in the first half on only three baskets, so that tells you something right there," said Forge. "You aren't going to win games like that. Combine that with a big third quarter and we were just outplayed. They were the better team without a doubt tonight."

It was a tough way to end the season for the Golden Eagles, who suffered three-straight difficult losses including the playoffs. However, Forge said he couldn't have been more proud of the team for securing a home game in the tournament and always playing hard.

"We overachieved during the season and some people maybe we peaked too soon, but I don't really think that was the case," said Forge. "We just couldn't get on track the last two weeks offensively. It was frustrating because we would play good defense and not get anything going offensively. But overall, it was a good fun season for the kids."

With the playoff loss, Gilford finished with a 13-6 record.

BOB MARTIN  
(Left) Vanessa Flanders goes up for a lay up against the Huskies.



BOB MARTIN  
Shelby Cole drives to the basket for the Golden Eagles.



BOB MARTIN  
Abby Warren sets for a free throw against Monadnock.



## Golden Eagles ski at Meet of Champions

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FRANCONIA – On Feb. 20, members of the Gilford High School ski team competed at the Meet of Champions.

For the girls' team, in giant slalom, Bethany Tanner was 15th with a time of 1:20.70; Sydni Lehr was 16th with a time of 1:20.72 and Sophia Lehr was 26th with a time

of 1:23.37. In slalom, Sydni Lehr was 18th with a time of 1:24.73; Tanner was 22nd with a time of 1:26.18 and Sophia Lehr was 34th with a time of 1:30.68.

Morgan McCarthy represented the boys' team and was 25th with a time of 1:19.81 in giant slalom. He was eighth after his first run time of 38.17. In the slalom he was 11th with a time of 1:11.77.

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Hayden Parent holds two game pucks signifying his 100 career assists and his 68th assist, which broke the single season Bulldog record.



COURTESY  
The Bulldogs honored their seniors last week in the final home game of the season. From left to right is Cam Jarvi, Nate Shirley, Joey Blake, coach Charlie Gallagher, Will Robarge, Hayden Parent and coach Jason Parent.

# Parent sets single-season assist record for Bulldogs



BOB MARTIN  
Owen Guerin brings the puck up the ice against Hollis Brookline/Derryfield last week.



BOB MARTIN  
Zoltan Stefan fires off a shot for the Bulldogs.



BOB MARTIN  
Cam Jarvi makes a move to the net for the Bulldogs last week.



BOB MARTIN  
Colin McGreevy covers up a puck for the Bulldogs. He leads all Division 3 goalies with seven shutouts.

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LACONIA – Hayden Parent of the Belmont/Gilford hockey team made history last week by recording his 68th career assist in a shutout win over Sanborn/Epping, breaking the team record previously held by Jeremy D'Amour.

The game on Saturday was a 6-0 victory for the Bulldogs and it helped secure the number two seed in the upcoming Division 3 state tournament. This was the league leading seventh shutout for Colin McGreevy, who had 14 saves.

The Bulldogs jumped up on the board with three goals at the end of the first period. Nate Shirley scored two of them, with assists going to Logan Moulton and Owen Guerin. Bradley McIntire scored as time was winding down in the period, with an assist by Zoltan Stefan.

Belmont/Gilford got on the board twice more in the second period with goals by Dylan Flannery and Griffin Tondreau. The Flannery goal was assisted by Trevor Chasie and the Tondreau goal was assisted by Guerin and Parent.

The final goal of the game came with 2:17 left in the third period by Joey Blake, assisted by Parent.

“Playing all four lines and six defensemen al-

lowed many players to get some on ice experience for the Bulldogs,” said coach Jason Parent.

Earlier this season Parent became only the fifth player in Bulldog history to reach the 100-point mark, and he is now in fourth all time behind Caleb Drouin, Jeremy D'Amour and Harrison Parent.

The Bulldogs celebrated Senior Night to honor five senior players and a pair of managers in what coach Parent said was an emotional night for parents and players.

“It has been a great run for these young men on the ice and we couldn't do what we do without our team managers Haley (Treamer) and Karin (Desrosiers),” said coach Parent. “They keep us all on the right track.”

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs faced Hollis Brookline/Derryfield in a game that was a battle between second and third place teams separated by one win. While it was a strong effort by the Bulldogs, with the game tied 2-2 at the end of regulation, Aidan Chretien gathered a rebound and put a nice close wrist shot in the back of the net for the game winner with 1:31 left in overtime. The shot came off a rebound coming off of McGreevy's right leg.

The game was tight throughout, with both teams held scoreless after

a period. It was a physical matchup with both teams getting several shots off and providing big hits near the boards, but the defensive play on both sides kept things close.

The second period had the Bulldogs go up 1-0 with a goal by Parent, assisted by Guerin with 12:31 left in the period. With 6:54 left Hollis Brookline/Derryfield's Paul Vachon scored to tie the game. Just 12 seconds later the Bulldogs took the lead with a goal by Shirley, assisted by Moulton and Blake. Nick Dapolito scored for Hollis Brookline/Derryfield to tie it up again with 1:31 on the clock.

“Penalties late in the game put Hollis on back to back 5-3 power plays and allowed them to get back into the game and tie it,” said Parent, referring to a hooking and slashing call late in the second period.

The third period had plenty of action, with each goalie making 10 saves apiece, highlighted by two big saves as regulation was ending by McGreevy.

In overtime, both goalies had five saves but Hollis Brookline/Derryfield secured the victory. McGreevy had 29 saves and Rylan Morgan of Hollis Brookline/Derryfield had 35 saves.

“B/G carried the play most of the game but Hollis came out on top

once again versus, B/G,” said coach Parent. “Colin McGreevy did a good job between the pipes for the

Bulldogs. We just need to stay more disciplined out of the box.”

The Bulldogs will

open the Division III tournament on Saturday at home against ConVal-Conant.

## Bruins alumni game to benefit Kingswood hockey

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood hockey teams will be hosting the Boston Bruins alumni for a game on Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m. at the Pop Whalen Arena.

The game will serve as a fundraiser for the Kingswood hockey teams.

Bruins alumni will take on friends

of Kingswood hockey in the game, with ticket sales and program ad sales going to benefit the Kingswood hockey program.

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# Golden Eagles earn top spot in Division III tourney

**BY BOB MARTIN**  
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GILFORD – The Gilford boys' basketball team finished up the regular season in impressive fashion with big wins over a pair of playoff bound teams, which secured the top seed in this week's Division 3 state tournament.

The Golden Eagles took on Belmont on

the road on Feb. 25 and came away with a 53-43 victory. It was a 13-2 Gilford lead after one quarter and the Golden Eagles defense played well to stifle Belmont's shooting. While Belmont's Jackson Ruelke put up 22 points, the Red Raiders went only 4/26 from behind the arc.

It was a big night for Riley Marsh, who put

up 11 points but was also excellent defensively with six steals.

“He sparked us with his defense and played his best overall game of the season,” said coach Rick Acquilano.

Adrian Siravo had 14 points and Connor Sullivan added 10 points in the win.

Gilford then closed out the regular season against White Moun-



**Adrian Siravo has led the Gilford boys' basketball team to a number one seed in the Division 3 state tournament this season, averaging 20 points and 12 boards per game.**

tains at home and the Spartans had no answer for Siravo this time and the Golden Eagles came away with a 76-48 win.

Siravo was an amazing 13/17 from the field, putting up 35 points to go with 12 rebounds.

Siravo, who is widely known for his baseball skills as he has been scouted by vari-

ous Major League ball clubs, has shown that his athleticism goes far beyond the diamond this season. Siravo has averaged a double/double this winter with 20 points per game and 12 rebounds. He is also a force on defense averaging 2.5 steals and two blocks per game.

Connor Sullivan

just missed a double/double in he game with nine points and 10 assists, while Curtis Nelson played well on both sides of the floor and put up 12 points.

The Golden Eagles kick off the Division 3 state tournament this week on Friday at home against either White Mountains or St. Thomas.

## Three racing series added to Flat Track 2020 lineup

LOUDON — Three new series have been added to The Flat Track lineup during New Hampshire Motor Speedway's three major event weekends, giving race fans more summertime racing. King of Dirt Crate Modified Series, Sprint Cars of New England and the Granite State Mini-Sprint Racing Club will debut at The Flat Track as part of June's Motorcycle Week at NHMS, July's NASCAR race weekend and September's Full Throttle Fall Weekend.

“We are excited enhance our major event weekends by adding more racing for our fans,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. “Last year's events at The Flat Track were a lot of fun, and we're looking forward to even more fun in the dirt this summer.”

The King of Dirt Crate Modified Series will bring the first ever dirt modified stock car race to The Flat Track on Friday, Sept. 11 as a part of Full Throttle Dirt. This event kicks off New Hampshire Mo-

tor Speedway's third annual Full Throttle Fall Weekend, which continues on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the historic 1.058-mile oval. This new dirt event will bring the top Sportsman Modified racers from all around New England and New York for a 40-lap main event, marking King of Dirt's first appearance in New Hampshire and the farthest east the tour has ever traveled.

Sprint Cars of New England will debut a pair of 30-lap races on the 0.25-mile Flat Track at Full Throttle Dirt on Friday, Sept. 11 and wrapping up Motorcycle Week at NHMS on Saturday, June 20. The competitive racing club was founded in 2002 and features 600-horsepower alcohol-injected winged sprint cars that race in New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Granite State Mini-Sprint Racing Club will take to the track for 20-lap races on Saturday, June 20, during Motorcycle Week and return on Friday, July 17, for Friday Night Dirt Duels presented by New

England Racing Fuel to kick off the NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race weekend. This family-oriented racing club was formed in 1984 and uses motorcycle engines and drive components.

Improvements to the racing surface are under way for The Flat Track's 2020 season, which will include adding banking and 10 feet of width to the corners and approximately 2,000 yards of new natural clay surface, courtesy of Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven, Vt.

The Flat Track is the first track to be built in New England in the last 25 years. Crews turned roughly 186,095 square feet of ground and 3,000 tons of clay to build the 0.25-mile track, which first opened in June 2019. The Flat Track, located directly behind the North East Motor Sports Museum, is the fourth racing surface on New Hampshire Motor Speedway's 1,200-acre property, which already includes the famed 1.058-mile NASCAR oval, 1.6-mile road course and 0.25-mile mini-oval.

## PSU hosting learn to curl session March 8

PLYMOUTH — If you are one of the many spectators who have witnessed the nail-biting intensity, unyielding pressure and the fiery spirit in the sport of curling and wanted experience it for yourself, now is your chance. Plymouth State Ice Arena is gearing up for its 2020

spring curling league and they want you to be a part of it.

The beauty of curling is that it can be enjoyed by an array of people. There is no running, there is no jumping, there is technique and strategy. Given that the game is played on ice wearing sneakers, balance is paramount. Luckily, this skill can be improved on by simply playing the sport. The most physical aspect of curling comes from furiously sweeping in front of the stone as it glides down the ice to the opposite end.

Still not sure if you can curl? The PSU Ice Arena is going to let you try for free so you can find out just how much fun you can have on ice. On March 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., the ice arena is hosting a free learn to curl open house. All of the equipment will be provided and admission is free (donations are graciously accepted.)

This learn to curl session will be focusing on the fundamentals of curling, participants will learn how to deliver a stone and how to sweep. To sign up for an intro session, please register online at [plymouth.edu/arena/curling](http://plymouth.edu/arena/curling). Space is limited so please don't hesitate, sign up today.

Still looking for more. If you have caught the curling bug and would like to participate in league play, the ice arena will be offering a four-week intro to curling league. This league will be made up of all first year curlers. Experienced curlers will be available to help with the nuances of the game if needed. This league will take place on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning March 15 running through April 5.

If you have any questions, please contact the ice arena at [psu-icearena@plymouth.edu](mailto:psu-icearena@plymouth.edu).

## A long strange trip leads across the pond


I graduated from the University of New Hampshire in May of 1998. I had played four years in the marching band, pep band and the symphonic band, as well as a few years in jazz band. While I was not a music major, I spent a lot of time in the Paul Creative Arts Center.

The next fall, I got a job working at a nursing home in Concord and went back to the dining hall at UNH where I had worked during college on a part-time basis. One night, the lights were on at the marching band practice field, so I stopped by to see some old friends.

As it turned out, the entire trumpet section was new and a few friends told the new director I was there and before long, I was back in the UNH uniform for a fifth year. I came back for one more year after that before my work schedule kept me from staying with it

**SPORTING CHANCE**

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



any longer. However, I did do pep band for a few more years, attending a number of hockey games, including the Frozen Four in Anaheim, Calif. in 1999.

In 2001, the band planned a trip to Europe and since I was still part of the pep band, the director asked if I was interested in making the trip with the band and I spent a week or so in Italy, Monaco and France, playing in a parade in Cannes and at the prince's palace in Monaco on New Year's Day 2002. I had an absolute blast and was glad I took the opportunity to travel with the band.

Last year, the new marching band director, who entered UNH as a freshman when I was a senior, an-

nounced that in honor of the band's 100th anniversary, they were heading to Ireland to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade and she opened up the trip to any alumni who wanted to go.

I figured this was a good chance to see a place I had never seen before and signed myself up. After getting the money all lined up, the next part was getting ready for the trip by learning music and getting in some marching practice.

For those that don't know, I play my trumpet once a week during the summer months in the Cate Park Band, but other than that, I usually don't play and aside from walking in the Wolfeboro Fourth of July parade, I certainly don't march anymore.

The first rehearsal was just music and that was not too bad, but the second rehearsal involved both march-

ing and playing, outside at the Whittemore Center. I survived the first day and even went back the next night for a third rehearsal, this time inside the Lundholm Gym.

We leave for Ireland in just over a week and I am sure that when all is said and done, I will survive the parade intact. At least that's the hope.

Finally, have a great day, Dan and Lynette Place.

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Help Wanted

Town of Gilford


Parks and Recreation Summer Staff

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Town of Gilford

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Umbrella Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

DROPS				OUTSIDE				RAIN			
DRY				OVERHEAD				SUNLIGHT			
GLARE				PROTECT				THUNDERSTORM			
HANDLE				PUDDLE				UMBRELLA			
T	H	N	D	Q	M	D	M	S	I	E	G
H	A	A	A	A	R	Z	U	S	D	F	L
U	Q	X	N	O	E	N	N	I	A	R	A
N	X	C	P	D	L	H	S	T	X	P	R
D	P	S	D	I	L	T	R	C	T	K	E
E	L	V	G	Z	U	E	V	E	Z	K	K
R	R	H	J	O	Q	S	V	T	V	X	I
S	T	P	U	D	D	L	E	O	B	O	X
T	L	L	Q	N	C	E	M	R	K	M	L
O	Y	U	C	P	O	F	V	P	S	J	L
R	N	R	Z	B	E	A	K	D	H	Y	D
M	P	C	D	A	L	L	E	R	B	M	U

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1836:** THE ALAMO FALLS TO MEXICAN FORCES.
- **1967:** JOSEF STALIN'S DAUGHTER DEFECTS TO THE UNITED STATES.
- **1984:** A STRIKE THAT WOULD GO ON FOR ALMOST A YEAR BEGINS WHEN WORKERS WALK OUT AT A COLLIERY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.



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ANSWER: EGYPT

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ARNI ROSDP

Answer: Rain Drops



DRENCH

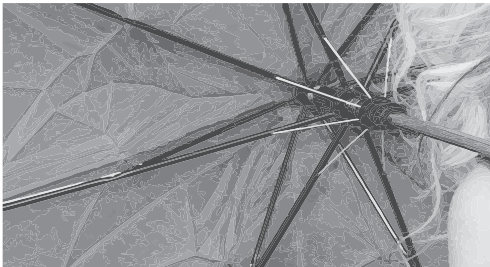
to make very wet



- ENGLISH:** Wet
- SPANISH:** Empapado
- ITALIAN:** Bagnato
- FRENCH:** Mouillé
- GERMAN:** Nass



THE WORD "UMBRELLA" COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "UMBROS," MEANING SHADE OR SHADOW.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: UMBRELLA

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawns & gardens.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 6 = I)

- A. 21 9 14 26 1**  
Clue: Cuts grass
- B. 6 4 14 25**  
Clue: Green landscape
- C. 22 1 24 25 26**  
Clue: Trim away growth
- D. 21 24 6 19 2**  
Clue: Material to enrich soil

Answers: A. mower B. lawn C. prune D. mulch

SUDOKU

	5							
2						7		1
	1	6	3					2
8					4		3	5
				9				6
		1			8			
						2		
	6				5			
		5	2	3			7	9

Level: intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	7	6	1	3	2	5	8	4
4	6	7	5	4	1	8	3	9
8	3	2	5	3	1	9	7	4
6	9	4	7	8	2	5	3	1
7	5	3	6	1	9	8	4	2
2	6	8	3	4	1	5	7	9
5	3	1	4	6	7	2	9	8
1	8	2	5	7	4	3	6	9
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