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O'Donal's Becomes a Worker Owned Cooperative

By Sheri Faber Staff Writer



Photo credit: Lisa Vickers

Photo of the nursery in Gorham this spring.

"O'Donal's Nursery has been a family owned business for many generations and today continues this local legacy through the recent purchase by its employees who will run it as a worker owned cooperative" said Catherine Buxton (e-mailed her for her title).

O'Donal's was founded in 1953 by Royce and Selma O'Donal. Jeffrey O'Donal purchased the business from his parents in 2006. The senior O'Donal's wanted to retire but "still maintain the family-owned ethos" said Rob Brown, Director of Business Ownership Solutions at the Cooperative Development Institute and Nicholas Vacciano, Employee Own-

er, O'Donal's Nursery. Nearly half of the O'Donal's staff had been with the business for 10 or more years. 22 Employees signed on to form a cooperative to purchase the nursery together. The transition to a worker owned cooperative was completed last spring.

"O'Donal's Nursery exists first and foremost because of the shared vision, work ethic and sense of fairness embodied by my parents and now me. Many long-term employees worked with my parents and now me. Their efforts, as much as mine, made the company what it is" said Jeffrey O'Donal.

As a cooperative, worker owners will together carry on the O'Donal's legacy and continue providing the expertise and quality that local gardeners and landscapers have come to know and rely on.



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Photo of the nursery in Gorham this spring

Adverse Weather Affects Local Crops

By John Ersek, Staff Writer

This summer there have been numerous reports of local farmers, gardeners, sugar maple grove owners, as well as others, who have been dealing with challenging weather conditions, as well as concerning tree and plant disease outbreaks. According to plant and tree expert Jason Lilley of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, this year's challenges began with some periods of excessive cold in the winter and spring, followed by many episodes of high rainfall throughout the summer.

For instance, there have been occasions when farmers were not able to get their equipment into fields to harvest their hay. This is concerning because it can affect a farmer's bottom line in several ways, as farmers often store their hay to use as wintertime animal feed, and they also sell surplus hay as a way to raise needed cash.

Farmers growing summertime annual vegetable crops have noticed more leaf and fruit diseases this year, as the constant rain and moist conditions have caused plant diseases to spread and grow more. Leaf diseases affect a plant's ability to grow, which affects crop yields, and fruit diseases can damage the fruit, or make it look less sellable.

Mary Walker of Orchard Ridge Farm commented to the Gorham Times that this year's range of challenging conditions has caused a variety of results at her family's orchard, which currently has an emphasis on U-Pick blueberries and apples as the main cash crops. She said her blueberry plants seemed less affected by the wet conditions, probably because the plants are situated in a very well drained area. Since Orchard



Photo credit: Courtesy of Orchard Ridge Farm

Despite a sub-zero cold snap and late freeze, local growers managed to have decent apple crops, but with smaller fruit.

Ridge does not irrigate, this year's plentiful rainfall may have actually been helpful to the blueberry plants.

On the other hand, Walker's apple tree crops were damaged by a sub-zero cold snap in early February, followed by a late freeze in mid-May. The apple trees which still set decent numbers of fruit produced smaller fruit.

Efforts to follow recommended tree spraying schedules were affected by the excessively muddy conditions in the rows, as well as the wind. (Moist conditions combined with less spraying can cause apples to develop a blemished appearance and look less saleable.) Fortunately, Orchard Ridge also has a side business of selling imperfect-looking apples to several nearby cider producers. These apples are just as edible, but with skin blemishes that can make them appear imperfect.

An ongoing concern for ap-

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Land Trust Director Leaving Organization

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has announced that, after almost a decade of outstanding leadership, Rachelle Curran Apse will be stepping down as Executive Director at the end of this year. She will leave an enduring legacy in her hometown of Gorham (GHS '95) as well as in the large region west of Portland: Westbrook, Windham, Standish, and Gray, all fast-growing areas where open space is vanishing under pressure from development. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers, Board Members and the many volunteers

she has come to know over the years.

Curran Apse's vision and enthusiasm have helped the Land Trust grow from its humble beginnings as the Gorham Land Trust into a regional organization which has protected nearly 3000 acres of preserved land. About 500 acres are located in Gorham, spread among 10 different preserves. The Land Trust is now supported by 500 families in the greater Portland area. With 25 years in the environmental field, Curran Apse's exceptional contributions were recognized when she was named one of Maine



Photo credit: Lisa Vickers

Rachelle, Colin, Tobin and Mara hiking the Owl in Baxter State Park, with a view of Mt Katahdin in the background.

Magazine's 2022 "Mainers of the Year," for her work in Outdoor Recreation.

Matt Streeter, co-President of the Land Trust Board of Directors said, "Rachelle has led the land trust through the

transformational change from an all-volunteer to a professionally led organization. She built and cultivated the processes that have made us more effective and earned national accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance." Among other benefits, national accreditation provides wider access to grant funds.

Curran-Apse said "Having the opportunity to lead the Land Trust for nearly a decade has been such an honor. I have enjoyed working with hundreds of volunteers and supporters throughout Gorham and surrounding towns who share my passion for the outdoors." She added, "I will miss giving back to the community of Gorham where I grew up."

According to Streeter, the search for a new Executive Director has already begun. Curran Apse will continue in her position as Executive Director through

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Climate Change Cannot Be Ignored

Stacy Brenner, D-Gorham

The climate crisis is not a hypothetical threat. This summer, heat records were broken across the globe, with July topping the charts as the warmest month in recorded history. As our oceans warm and our ice caps melt, Maine, too, experiences the impacts of higher temperatures and rising sea levels. For years, this change has been evident to those who work in industries in Maine reliant on the weather. As a legislator, I've been proud to support a variety of efforts to help fight back against climate change and invest in Maine's energy independence. The less reliant we are on fossil fuels, the better off our state's economy and environment will be.

That's why I recently testified before the Board of Environmental Protection to support the adoption of Advanced Clean Cars II Rule (ACC II). I know there's a lot of confusion and concern going around on this rule, and I wanted to take the time to share why I support increasing the market for clean cars through this rule. It has been crafted for Maine and aims to address the transportation part of the Maine Won't Wait Climate Action Plan.

The ACC II, as proposed, sets a goal of increasing the sale of clean cars and personal trucks to 82% of total new vehicle sales by 2032. To be clear: This goal would not apply to used vehicle sales. This change is part of a multi-pronged strategy to help Maine reach our climate goals. Maine has committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030. With transportation being the leading contributor of greenhouse gas emissions, Maine simply cannot meet

that target without addressing vehicles.

However, we need to make sure this transition is feasible from all angles. It's not enough to simply set a goal. The cost of new electric vehicles continues to come down. As demand increases, manufacturers will adjust supply to meet the need, and prices will go down. We're already seeing this: Carmakers will spend more than \$515 billion on electric vehicle development through 2030. Enacting the full rule would encourage growth in these markets and ensure that electric vehicles make their way to our state.

Still, we know that market conditions can change. That's why the ACC II provides for adjustments to the goals if needed. This shift simply won't work if Mainers can't afford it.

To that end, we also need to ensure that we are building the infrastructure to match. The federal government is investing \$7 billion in new charging infrastructure. The state of Maine has an electric vehicle roadmap, and we are well on our way to addressing available public charging stations, including in our more rural communities. We also need to make sure mechanics are ready for this change as well — which is part of why this is a phased-in approach, and doesn't target used car sales.

The numbers tell us that Mainers do want electric cars. The only thing keeping these numbers from growing more is lack of supply. From 2019 to 2021, the number of battery electric and plug-in hybrid cars in the State increased by 90 percent. That number increased another 26 percent by 2022. The transition to

electric cars won't just assist us in our statutory climate objectives, but it will also help Mainers live long and healthy lives. Pollutants from cars increase the risk of asthma, lung disease, and cancer. These health effects don't even account for the countless other risks Mainers may face as a result of climate change, such as devastating storms and wildfires.

The ACC II is realistically and flexibly designed for Maine to ensure the rule can account for any market challenge, while still keeping us on track to meet vital renewable energy goals. The more people who drive electric instead of gas cars in our state, the more we can cut back on our carbon emissions. That means cleaner air to breathe, and less reliance on foreign fossil fuel companies.

If you have questions, ideas or comments throughout the legislative session, please feel free to contact me at Stacy. Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. You can also follow my Facebook page at Facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner for more frequent updates.



Stacy Brenner is serving her second term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, and most of Scarborough.

She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

Public Works Notes

Kelly Meslin, Public Works

There will not be any changes to trash in the coming weeks. Please continue to put trash curbside by 7AM on your collection day. Please keep turnarounds free of vehicles and equipment. This hinders Casella getting in and out of roads safely and efficiently. If you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage, please call the office at (207) 222-4950.

Upcoming/In Process projects:

Both Plummer Road and Wescott Road culvert projects are complete and base paved.

Cressey Road and Lovers Lane have been base paved and will be surface paved in the spring.

The crew has been working on Elm Street prepping for a new curb and sidewalk. This project will most likely be surface paved in the spring.

The pedestrian improvement project on South Street should start at the beginning of October with some big changes to crosswalks and parking.

Mowing is an ongoing task with the weather being very favorable for grass growth.

We are beginning our preparation for winter weather with some adjustments to plow routes and making plans for winter sand delivery.

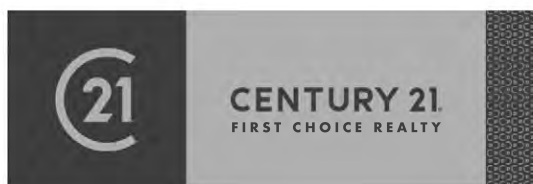
We will be having the fall brush drop off Oct. 7 and 21. If you have brush and debris from the past storm and need to dispose of it sooner than the upcoming brush days, please contact DPW to make arrangements for that.

As the leaves begin to fall, please do not rake or place leaves in drainage ditches. DPW provides an area for residents to bring leaves. It's always very helpful if you have a catch basin near your residence to keep that clear of leaves and debris to allow for proper drainage.

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Three New Land Trust Projects

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has met its goal of raising the nearly \$2 million needed for three conservation projects to move forward this Fall. Two of the projects are in Gorham and one is on the Gorham side of Westbrook, along the Presumpscot River. In total, 104 acres of forestland will be preserved, and miles of new trails will be built in 2024. All three projects will rely on community involvement from volunteers. Visit the Land Trust website to see how you can help. Grand openings are planned for Fall of 2024.

Sixty acres of the newly preserved lands are in Gorham, split between two conservation projects: Trout Run and Deer Woods. Both landowners expressed a deep desire for their beautiful lands to remain wild so that vital wildlife habitat for hundreds of species will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

The land for Trout Run, located just past the Rt. 25 Roundabout heading toward Standish, was generously donated by Julie Abbott and will feature a 2 mile out and back trail along the banks of Little

River which is a wild brook trout habitat.

The Deer Woods Conservation Project, near the farm pond along Day Road, encompasses 30 acres donated by Kathleen Ashley. This land is part of the largest remaining undeveloped forested block (about 300 acres) east of downtown Gorham and has been deer wintering habitat for decades. Trails will be built here as well.

The Land Trust received nearly 200 gifts for the three Conservation Projects and would like to thank the individuals, families, Land Trust members and business partners who made a generous investment in the future by supporting these projects. Land Trust Executive Director, Rachael Curran Apse said, "Expanding conservation in Gorham is only possible due to the hundreds of ongoing Land Trust members who live in Gorham and surrounding towns. Thank you to everyone involved who helped to ensure there is open space for future generations."

Visit www.prlt.org for updates on the projects throughout the year.

Land Trust Director

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the end of this calendar year and plans to work with the next Executive Director so the transition will be smooth. The three-person staff team will continue with Toby Jacobs as Program Manager and Brenna Crothers as Community Engagement Manager. To see the job announcement, go to www.prlt.org/jobopening.

In addition to managing and maintaining its Preserves, The Land Trust monitors the water quality of the Presumpscot River watershed for the Maine DEP to keep it safe for wildlife and humans to enjoy. It also coordinates the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail. Each year, it provides a variety of educational programming for hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

Curran Apse and her family will be moving to Cape Town, South Africa this December. Her husband, Colin Apse, is the Freshwater Strategy Director, supporting the conservation of rivers and lakes for the Nature Conservancy in Africa.

Curran Apse is excited about this new adventure. She said, "Cape Town is one of the most beautiful places in the world. It has a dramatic coastline, mile-high mountains, over 200 hiking trails, and penguins, all within the city limits." She looks forward to regularly getting out with her family to hike, swim, surf, or learn about the incredible diversity of wildlife.

Not a person to be inactive, while abroad Curran Apse says she will continue to help with the Land Trust transition remotely. She plans to volunteer with local environmental and conservation organizations and also looks forward to participating in activities with her children.

Weather Effects

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ple growers is that trees growing in very wet soil may develop root rot, but the full effects of this may not be apparent for a year or more.

During the summer, many people in Gorham and throughout southern Maine began noticing concerning changes to many of their sugar maple trees. As early as late July, the leaves of affected trees started to wilt, turn brown, then fall off the tree. Certain trees appeared to be more affected than others, with some becoming virtually bare by mid-September, which is about a month ahead of the normal schedule.

Lilley said these maple trees likely have a type of fungal leaf disease known as maple anthracnose, which is known to cause early leaf drop by affecting photosynthesis, which lowers the tree's ability to produce necessary sugars and carbohydrates.

Lilley reports that in past outbreaks, experts did not observe a drop in the sugar production of affected trees the following spring. However, the Extension Service is closely monitoring the current outbreak. Lilley also commented that anthracnose outbreaks are likely worsened by prolonged periods of wet weather, such as the conditions we had this year.

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Consider Financial Gifts for Grandchildren

Jessica Szafranski, Contributing Writer

If you have grandchildren, you probably enjoy spending time with them and watching them grow. And to help them achieve a bright future, you might like to make some financial gifts — but which ones? You have several options. Let's look at three of them:

529 plans – When you invest in a 529 education savings plan, any earnings growth is distributed federally tax free, as long as withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.) And in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan may also receive state tax incentives.

A 529 plan can be used for college, approved trade school programs, qualified student loan repayments and even some K-12 costs. And if the grandchild you've named as a beneficiary of a 529 plan decides to forego further education, you can generally switch beneficiaries to another immediate family member. You can contribute up to \$17,000 in 2023, per grandchild, to a 529 plan without incurring gift taxes. Furthermore, as of the 2024–25 school year, grandparent-owned 529 plans won't affect financial aid eligibility. However, tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, so consult with your tax advisor about your situation.

Roth IRA – Any earnings growth in a Roth IRA is distributed tax free, provided the owner is at least 59½ and has had the account at least five years. If your grandchildren earn money from babysitting or a part-time job, they can open a Roth IRA with the help of a parent or other adult. You could “match” your grandchildren's contributions, possibly on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to provide them with an incentive for saving. In fact, you could fully fund the Roth IRA, up to the annual contribution limit, which is \$6,500 or the amount of your grandchild's taxable compensation, whichever is less. (The annual limit is \$7,500 for those 50 or older.) And your grandchildren can withdraw the

contributions — not the earnings — at any time to pay for college or anything else.

Custodial account – You can open a custodial account, also known as an UGMA or UTMA account, for a grandchild, and fund it with most types of investments: stocks, mutual funds, bonds and so on. For that reason, it can be a good way to teach grandchildren about the nature of investing — risks, returns and the value of holding investments for the long term. Plus, there's an initial tax benefit to custodial accounts:

The first \$1,250 of your grandchild's investment income (dividends, interest, capital gains) is tax free, and the next \$1,250 is taxed at the child's rate. Anything above that amount is taxed at the parents' marginal tax rate. However, once your grandchildren reach the age of termination — usually 18 or 21, depending on where they live — they take control of the account and can do whatever they choose with the money. So, while a custodial account could be considered as a funding source for college, it might alternatively serve as a gift that could eventually enable your grandchild to fulfill another desire or goal — take an overseas trip, pay for a car or maybe even start on a path to entrepreneurship.

Making financial gifts to your grandchildren can be rewarding — for them and for you. So, consider the possibilities carefully and put your generosity to work.



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Town Manager's Report

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

At the Thursday, Sept. 14 meeting, the Town Manager made suggestions on how to prepare for the upcoming hurricane. They included signing up for emergency alerts at <https://ready.gov/fema-app>, gathering supplies; declutter drains and gutters, put away outside items that could blow around and cause damage; avoid driving through flood waters and have a family communications plan.

Public Works will be open Saturday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon to accept brush from Gorham residents.

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 7 election can be obtained online at <https://apps.web.maine> and the ballot will be mailed out when the Town Clerk's Office receives the ballots in October or call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 to request a ballot.

New Police Officer for Gorham

Chief Chris Sanborn, Gorham Police Department

Brady Denison was sworn in on Monday, Sept. 11 as a new patrol officer with the Gorham Police Department. Officer Denison graduated in May 2022 with a bachelor's degree in community health education. He has over seven years of military experience and five months of experience as an inves-

tigator for the Office of Child and Family Services, DHHS. After attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and completing the Gorham Police Department Field Training Program, Officer Denison will be assigned to the Midnight Patrol Division.



Photo credit: Gorham Police Department
The swearing-in ceremony of Officer Brady Denison, performed by Town Clerk, Laurie Nordfors.



Photo credit: Gorham Police Department
Chief Sanborn officially welcomes Officer Denison to the Gorham Police Department.

Planning Board Meeting

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

On Monday, Sept. 9, the Planning Board met resulting in the following discussions and actions.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to expand stream protection setback to 100 feet and add additional streams to the stream protection overlay district for protection of wild brook trout, as recommended by Maine Inland Forestry and Wildlife, was discussed and moved to the next Planning Board meeting for a public hearing. 7 ayes.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to add a new Pedestrian Overlay District and proposed amendments to existing ordinance sections to include pedestrian/sidewalk standards was discussed and moved to the next Planning Board meeting.

A proposed amendment to the Land

Use and Development Code to revise standards for curb cuts on arterials and designated collectors consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan was approved. 7 ayes.

A request for approval to divide a parcel split by the previous landowner with outsale lots 1 and 2. Current proposal to split a third lot was discussed.

Maka Builders, LLC request for approval to construct a 63-unit condominium community for residents 55 and older was discussed.

A request for approval to construct 43 single family residential lots on Robie Street was discussed and moved to grant a waiver from the requirement to provide class A soil survey (7 ayes). Board moved to table preliminary subdivision approval pending responses to remaining issues. 7 ayes.

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School Committee Meeting

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

The principals of the five district schools reported on the opening of the school year at the Sept. 13 regular School Committee meeting. All reported an enthusiastic and positive school atmosphere, a sign that the pandemic disruptions have faded.

The unusually hot weather at the start of school sent some Gorham High School students to the air-conditioned Municipal Building, but next year there will be some air-conditioning at GHS, Principal Brian

Jandreau said. He announced the new cell phone policy that requires students to park their phones in a “cell phone hotel” when entering the classroom. Teachers have reported the policy is already successful in encouraging more student conversation.

Gorham Middle School principal Quinten Donahue said that GMS is “nice and cool” since the 93 heat pumps were installed this summer. There were 673 registered students on opening day, an

increase of about 30 over last year. His goals for the coming year include offering students more emotional and social support and reducing absenteeism. More than half of GMS students are participating in extra-curricular sport or music activities.

Principal Jodi Mezzanette of Village School and Erin Eppler, principal of Narragansett School spoke for all three elementary schools because Becky Fortier, principal of Great Falls School could not attend. They thanked the district's maintenance crew for making the buildings ready for students and parents for helping teachers get their classrooms ready.

Opening attendance was 428 at Village, 498 at Great Falls, and 409 at Narragansett, including 55 new pre-K students. There are two new accessible playground structures at Narragansett. The pre-K playground is still under construction. The district received a grant for instruction in increasing community building in elementary school classrooms.

Norm Justice, director of maintenance and transportation, reported on his “busiest summer in 14 years.” Ninety-three heat pumps were installed at GMS and 71

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Troop 73 Camping Trip

By Nicholas Stinson, Scoutmaster



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The Wildcat team at the Pinkham Notch Trailhead. Left to right are Lukas Romano, Carter Sprague, Joshua Allison, Luke Williams, Zeke Provencal, Jared Burt, Jack Williams, Simon Wallace, Jake Young, Daniel Deprez, and Cole Stinson. Various adult leaders fill in the back row.



Photo credit: Sam Merrow

The Mt. Washington team at the summit of Mt. Washington. Pictured left to right are Sam Merrow, Christopher Bolton, Alex Chase, Nathan Chase, and Tim Young.

Gorham Scout Troop 73 recently participated in a full weekend of camping and hiking in New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest. The older scouts summited New England's highest peak, the formidable 6,288' Mt. Washington. The younger scouts climbed Wildcat Mountain standing at 4,062' and featuring a section of the Appalachian Trail that rises approximately 2,000' over 2 miles. Upcoming events include a camporee at the picturesque Cobscook Bay State Park and

a court of honor where the scouts will be recognized for their recent achievements on their paths to Eagle Scout.

The troop will be hosting an open house on Monday, Oct. 2 at Cressey Road Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Invited are all youth and their parents who are interested in learning more about Troop 73's fun and active program to join the campfire, s'mores, and scout skill demonstrations. Troop 73 is open to boys who are at least 11 years old or have completed the 6th grade.

SCHOOL

Narragansett Inclusive Playground Dedication

By Erin Eppler, Narragansett School Principal

Approximately 60 people joined a ribbon cutting ceremony at Narragansett Elementary on Sept. 14, 2023 to celebrate Mrs. Laurie Kenny and her former students for raising money to purchase pieces of inclusive playground equipment.

Mrs. Kenny, since retired, returned to Maine for the ceremony and greeted her former first grade students, now current third graders, then shared her appreciation to her former students and their families for making this project happen.



Photo credit: Jennifer Macaluso

Mrs. Kenny and former student, Madelyn Macaluso



Photo credit: Erin Eppler

Narragansett student Kayleigh plays with the new playground equipment



Photo credit: Sarah Little

Mrs. Kenny and former students.

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GHS to Present "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

By Gorham Times Staff

Gorham High School will present William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream for four performances on the weekend of Nov. 10. The performances are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is one of Shakespeare's most famous and widely performed plays. The play is set in the forest around Athens, and revolves around the marriage of Duke Theseus of Athens and the Amazon Queen, Hippolyta. There are several subplots and twists and turns, many caused by a group of fairies who influence and direct the action for their own purposes and amusement.

Josie Tierney-Fife, the GHS Director, decided to set this production in the 1970's rather than the 1500's.

GHS Cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream

Theseus: Noah Williams
 Hippolyta: Sofia Andrade
 Philostrate: Max Lampron
 Egeus: Amy Morin
 Hermia: Aera Hyson
 Lysander: Logan Mills
 Helena: Emma Smith
 Demetrius: Zack Waters
 Bottom/Pyramus: Cece Dellosso
 Quince: Corey Lorfano
 Flute/Thisby: Rigel Arlet
 Snout/Wall: Madds Clark
 Snug/Lion: Hayden Levasseur
 Starveling/Moonshine: Stephen Perrin
 Oberon: Emily Lemont
 Titania: Amelia Oлару
 Puck: Nick Tinkham
 Titania's: Fairy Lauren
 Peaseblossom: Jenna Pequinot
 Moth: Ruby Couture
 Cobweb: Hailey Racine
 Mustardseed: Mae Esty
 Fairies in the trains of Oberon and Titania: Autumn Booth, Libbie Merrill, Izzy Phinney



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Students beginning the rehearsal process for the fall drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream. Photos by Ally Gossen, student performer.

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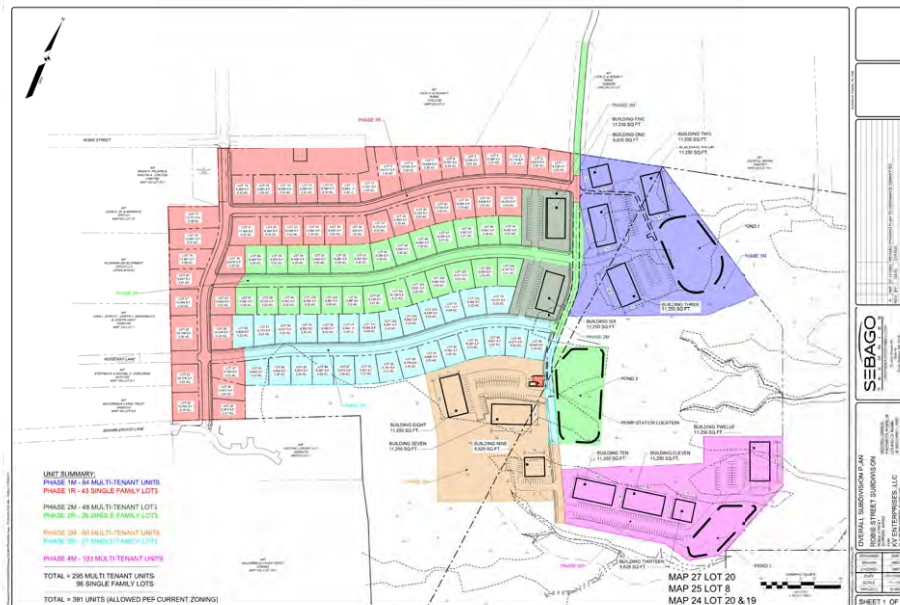
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Gorham Middle School Celebrates 20 Years

By Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: Roger Marchand
Gorham Middle School

Gorham Middle School is excited to celebrate the 20th Anniversary in their Weeks Road location. The Gorham community is welcome to come to GMS on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fun and festivities.

There will be live music, games, food, and fun and a brief ceremony at 12:30 p.m. commemorating the 20 years.

The Gorham Middle School staff looks forward to seeing you there.



Photo courtesy of Norm Justice

Some of the heat pumps slated for installation at Gorham Middle School. "All the new heat pumps are up and running," Norm Justice, director of facilities and transportation, said. Voters approved bond issues for the 93 heat pumps in 2020 and 2021, but because delivery was delayed they were not installed until this past summer.

ARTS

Embodying Softness/Excavating Delight

By Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Ace Lehner

Libby Paloma, *For the Starry-Eyed, For the Healers*, 2023. Fabric, armature, polyfill, and essential oils, 12 x 8 x 5 ft. Installed at the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, NYC.

A new exhibit opening will be held on Thursday Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at the USM Art Gallery in Gorham. "Embodying Softness/Excavating Delight" will feature the complementary works of prominent artists Jackie Milad and Libby Paloma. Their pieces range from mixed media wall hangings to free-standing soft sculptures. The opening will feature refreshments as well as a performance and artist lecture.

Milad is a Baltimore City-based artist whose mixed-media abstract paintings and collages are inspired by the history and complexities of dispersed cultural heritage and multi-ethnic identity. Her work stems from her interest in recently discovered artifacts of the Lenca people on Tiger Island in Honduras, where her mother was born.

Milad's process mimics a transformational archaeology process: excavation to resurrection as she reconfigures older pieces into new works. Her images and symbology often include song lyrics from "Bad Bunny" and

other contemporary artists, thus interrupting a linear trajectory of history. Milad has participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions both nationally and internationally.

Artist Libby Paloma's background as a speech-language pathologist informs her artistic investigation into idiomatic language and its capacity to convey more than straightforward speech. Currently based in New York City, her work is drawn from aspects of her/their Mexican-American, queer, disabled identity. Her soft sculpture installations and performances are an invitation to rest in a fluffy and tender world.

In "No Picnic," Paloma makes figures of speech visible, conjuring cans of worms, spilled milk, in her installations which are a metaphor for living with chronic illness. Her work conveys a feeling of bitterness and also a softer reality.

The exhibition will run until Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023. The Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. A suggested donation of \$2 is requested for exhibition visits. This program is made possible with generous support from The Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust and the University's Women and Gender Studies Department.



Photo credit: Courtesy of the Artist

Jackie Milad, *Tanto Es*, 2021. Mixed-media on canvas collage, 60 x 55 in. Part of *Embodying Softness/Excavating Delight* at the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery.

SPORTS

Team Traditions

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

Gorham Boys Varsity Soccer huddle.

Every school has them and especially in the fall...traditions. The Rams are no exception and are off to a great start. Team preparation includes everything from off the field team building to a pre-game work-out or team huddle, you name it, you will find enthusiasm everywhere you turn at the home of the Rams this season.

There is an abundance of excitement from the stands with a spirited student section, wearing coordinated matching "white out" shirts or tie dye theme, singing popular chants to cheer on their favorite teams.

There are also "no exception" traditions, such as athletes warming up to motivational music (often produced by GHS' technology teacher Adam Parvanta in coordination with team captains). The starting lineup includes ceremonial high fives and handshakes with teammates and opponents for good luck. The team huddle then sets the tone for the rest of the game each sport choosing an authentic way.

Prior to game day, many GHS families host team dinners, this is a tradition that has been carried on for at least two decades. It is a great way to build friendships and tightknit bonds off the field, building trust for on the field play.

The Girls Varsity team recently got together during a stormy night not allowing anything to deter their routine. The team is on a hot streak and beat Windham in a nailbiter. Kaitlyn Nichols scored with 21 seconds remaining to secure the 1-0 win. Gorham is now 7-0

and ranked #1. The Field Hockey team is off to big marginal wins and on Sept. 28 the team will be hosting their "purple day" to bring to light mental health awareness; showing the true meaning of how teams can work better together.

The easy part is starting traditions, but as each new season gets underway and playoffs approach, coaches, school staff, parents, athletes and fans must be willing to put the effort in to keep them going. A good example of this is that of Golf; athletes often travel several times to Natanis (the course that hosts the state championship match) to familiarize themselves with the course. A special tradition: the Rams Football team (led by coach Sam Morrison) organizes and hosts a teacher appreciation night.

In the past, during play-off time the Rams could get very creative and motivated. A personal favorite of past alumni for the Boys' Varsity Soccer team is getting together to create "Game Day" hairstyles such as the legendary mohawk they rocked for many years. In addition, other teams have done cornrows on the side of their head and dyed their hair.

A few alumni athletes expressed, "it was a really fun experience for all of us, and it's all part of the post season team bonding experience that has been around for years." Fall sports bring fun and excitement, homecomings, fireworks, community togetherness and most importantly school pride.



Photo credit: GHS Staff

GHS Pep Rally



Photo credit: Katie Brown

Gorham Alumni '17 Senior Night



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Girls soccer team annual cancer walk in honor of Lauren Hawkes



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Gorham Alumni '17, Boys Varsity Soccer heading to States.

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2023 Fall Brush Drop Off Days, Saturday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to Noon at 80 Huston Road. This is for Gorham residents only, no commercial drop off. Leaves and grass clippings will be accepted in the designated area throughout the season. No stumps will be accepted. Please do not leave bags behind.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

Awareness Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Gorham Police Department on Main Street. The speaker will be Amy Angelo, program manager of the Alzheimer's Association. The topic will be an awareness program to help better understand the disease and where to turn for support.

Save the date for the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. near the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. FMI: Gorham Rec. (207) 222-1630, <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/>.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Annual Meeting will be held at Randall Orchards in Standish on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Come early and enjoy apple picking at Randall Orchards which is owned by the Randall family. The Land Trust, a community-based nonprofit primarily serving Gorham, Gray, Standish, Westbrook, and Windham, holds a 500-acre conservation and agricultural easement on the orchard and surrounding forest. This event is free, but registration is required due to limited space. To register go to <https://www.prlt.org/events>. The meeting schedule is 5 p.m., socialize and enjoy snacks and cider; 5:45 p.m., welcome and slideshow highlights from the last year; 6 p.m., new priority projects for the upcoming year; 6:15 p.m., annual meeting and member votes, and 6:25 p.m., wrap-up and enjoy the sunset over the orchard.

SENIOR NOTES

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open. Fridays at 10 a.m. join ARTrageous Seniors open studio. All are welcome to bring their own projects.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

First Parish Church a chicken pie takeout dinner on Saturday, Sept. 30, pickup from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Order meals on the First Parish webpage or call the office at (207) 839-6751.

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. The suggested donation is \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out options, face masks optional, hand sanitizer available.

Public Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham on Saturday, Oct. 7, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eat in or take out, homemade baked kidney and navy beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12. FMI: <https://facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub>

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library will host a Meet the Candidates Night for Town Council on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6 – 7 p.m. Library hours are Mondays and Thursdays, 3 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI: <https://north-gorham.lib.me.us/>.

Baxter Memorial Library will host an Author Event with Melanie Brooks, author of "A Hard Silence" in conversation with Jennifer Dupree, author of "The Miraculous Flight of Owen Leach." The Annual Fall Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale will be held in the Shaw Gym on Friday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Maine 3Railers trains will also be there at the same times. Visit <https://baxterlibrary.org/> for more events. Library hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

Learn about the new "PAY BY PLATE" parking system on the Gorham campus (Portland also). Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services> for the details, rates, and policy updates.

The Osher School of Music's voice program celebrates community, welcoming guest students from Conservatorios Giacomo Puccini and Luca Marenzio in Italy in duets, trios, and songs from opera, operettas, and musicals. Venite tutti. Corthell Concert Hall, Friday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. \$10/\$5.

The University is celebrating Homecoming and Family Weekend from Thursday, Oct. 12 to Sunday, Oct. 15. A full lineup of events is planned to bring together alumni, students, friends, and families for a celebration of Husky Pride with fun events across campus. Visit the full schedule at <https://usm.maine.edu/student-engagement-leadership/engagement/homecoming/>.

Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/events> for the complete events calendar that includes music, theatre, arts, sporting, admissions events, and more. Watch for upcoming information about Homecoming, the Outdoor Band Concert, faculty and guest artist concerts and master classes, Department of Theatre productions, Art Gallery exhibits, and the Annual Craft Show.



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School Committee CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

VAVs in Phase I of the GHS mechanical upgrade project. They added Co2 sensors to improve ventilation and installed new LED lighting. Every light fixture at GHS was replaced, as were two boilers. Carpet was replaced in the Guidance office.

Workers patched the Village flooring yet again and replaced the walk-in freezer and cooler. At Narragansett they did site work for the new modulars and for the new pre-K playground, as well as enclosing the open walkway. Justice thanked the maintenance crew for lots of moving and the contractors for the work they did on these projects. Finally, he reiterated his call for more bus drivers. They are fully staffed now but expect some vacancies at mid-year.

Student representatives to the SC, Aislyn McLean and Amelia Olari, spoke in support of the new GHS cell phone policy. They announced that the fall GHS production will be "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Superintendent Heather Perry said that district enrollment on opening day was 2,855, including pre-K students. She recognized the staff for their behind-the-scenes work on data required for receiving the state subsidy. The district is mostly

fully staffed; there are three open ed tech positions and the new data manager position has not been filled. She said that there is a new section accessible from the district website that will give more information on curriculum at every grade level.

Stewart McCallister of the Finance/Facilities Committee reported \$63,000 was left over from the F23 budget that will go into the fund balance. He said that since the \$600,000 was taken from the Fund Balance for the F24 budget, this is not really a new savings.

The SC passed the 2023-24 School Committee Meeting calendar, which includes a joint meeting with the Town Council in December. They also approved the Superintendent's 2023-2024 goals. These include reviewing and revising the district's Code of Conduct, strengthening communication with the Town Council, facilitating a joint ad hoc committee with the Town Council, exploring classroom configuration in the district, and creating a vision for K-12 alternative education.

They approved a FY25 Budget timeline and voted to create a joint ad hoc committee with the Town of Gorham.

Welcome to All the New Gorham Teachers and Professional Staff

Lucas Witham, GMS Assistant Principal
 Karen Miller, Special Ed - Resource Room at GHS
 Kristin Lane, Learning Strategist at Village
 Charles Berdahl, Math at GHS (1 YR)
 Kelly Tibbetts, GHS Library/Media
 Eamon White, GHS Technology
 Tom Smith, 8th Social Studies at GMS (from Assistant Principal)
 Matt Weber, 6th ELA at GMS
 Brenna Milbier, 5th at Village
 Kendra Volpe, Sp Ed - Autism K-5 at Village
 Christina Gorgone, .50 Speech Pathologist
 Leela Pollard, Pre-K Teacher, Narragansett
 Lindsay Veilleux, Pre-K Teacher, Narragansett
 Chelsea Osgood, Pre-K OT (.50), Narragansett

Max Ornstein, GHS Science
 Kim Todd, Kindergarten at Village (1 YR)
 Audrey Danforth, Literacy Specialist at GF
 Kathryn Phelps, Sp Ed - Autism K-5 at GF
 Saira Hirji, Strategist at GHS
 Ashley Woodbury, Speech Pathologist
 Colin Loveless, Phys Ed K-5 at Narragansett
 Debra Leone, School Counselor K-5 at GF
 Katherine Walles, Sp Ed - Resource at GMS
 Brienne Corey, GHS Health
 Kristi McLean, Sp Ed - Autism K-5 at GF
 Dervin Grady (interim), Director of Technology
 Lila Weiser, Music K-5 at Narr
 Leah Scontras, HS World Languages
 Julie Packard, Behavior Specialist/BCBA
 Chezerae McCarthy, 6th Math (1 YR)

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CALENDAR

Thursday, September 28

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Discovery Time (ages 18mos-3yrs), 10 a.m.

Friday, September 29

Osher School of Music Voice Program, 7:30 p.m., \$10/\$5, usm.maine.edu/events

Saturday, September 30

First Parish Church Chicken Pie Takeout Dinner, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Order online or 222-1635
 Living Waters Church Haddock Supper, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, 5 p.m. \$10/\$5/\$20

Sunday, October 1

Presumpscott Regional Land Trust Annual Meeting, Randall Orchards, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 2

Planning Board Meeting, Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 7

Town of Gorham Brush Drop-Off Day, 9 a.m. to Noon at 80 Huston Road.
 White Rock Community Clubhouse Public Bean Supper, Wilson Rd. 4 - 5:30 p.m. \$10/\$5

Tuesday, October 10

Baxter Memorial Library, Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 a.m.
 VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, 5:30 p.m., Fire Department Training Room

Wednesday, October 11

Awareness Gorham/Westbrook/Windham TRIAD, Gorham PD, 11 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library Author Event, Melanie Brooks and Jennifer Dupree, 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

USM Homecoming and Family Weekend begins. <https://usm.maine.edu/events>

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Baxter Memorial Library Annual Fall Friends Book Sale, Shaw Gym, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

Gorham Middle School 20th Anniversary Celebration. Baxter Memorial Library Annual Fall Friends Book Sale, Shaw Gym, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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the blotter

Officer located a man walking in the rain. Due to the number of thefts in the area, Officer stopped him and checked his ID. He was walking home from a friend's house.

Officer searched Fort Hill Road for a missing truck but did not find it. Truck crashed in Baldwin and the driver was arrested.

Caller believed he saw a wanted person in Hannaford. Officer responded but it was not the person being sought.

Ashmar Drive caller wanted advice about his newly outdoor cat having been chased up a tree by the dog they were watching. Caller was advised to keep the dog out of sight of the cat, to put out some cat food and to be patient as the cat will come down on his own.

New Portland Road caller reported that her mail had been going missing. She reported it to the Post Office and they are investigating and suggest she notify the Police Department.

Caller was concerned about a male subject being on the property when he

was not supposed to be there. Caller was also concerned about a tent being on the rear of the property and he was advised to call when the unwanted male is on the property. He was also told to contact the landlord about the tent as the property owner could remove it.

Officer spoke with the man about his actions in a public park. He was not in the park when the officer located him and he denied most of what the witness had said.

Officer spoke with a man from Lady Slipper's Way about shooting a gun into the ground. He agreed it was not a good idea.

Valley View Drive caller reported a civil dispute between a moving company and a customer as to the final agreed on price. Officer helped them find an agreement which worked for both parties.

Finn Parker Road caller had sold a pool heater and the buyer messaged her saying it did not work and he would drop it off at her house. She was advised this is a civil matter but if he showed up at her property, she could have him trespassed.

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90 Rock Row • Take I-95 Exit 48

Store Hours:

Mon-Sat 7AM - 9 PM • Sun 7AM - 8 PM



Fall Squashes

79¢
lb.

- Butternut
- Acorn
- Spaghetti
- Buttercup

Boneless Petite
Sirloin Steak

6⁹⁹
lb.

Save \$2.00/lb.

Fresh

PERDUE Oven Stuffer
Roaster

1²⁹
lb.

Save 70¢/lb.

Fresh

MARCHO FARM'S Meatloaf Mix

4⁹⁹

Save \$1.00

16 oz. pkg.

Ocean Fresh Wild, All Natural
Large Haddock Fillets

9⁹⁹
lb.

Save \$2.00/lb.

MARKET BASKET
EZ-Peel Raw
Shell-On Shrimp

5⁵⁹

• 41/50
ct/lb.

Save \$1.40

16 oz. bag

EST. 1943
UNO Calzones

PIZZERIA & GRILL
• Italian • Steak & Cheese • Chicken Parmesan

8⁹⁹

Save \$1.00

20-22 oz.

Thin & Trim
Roast Beef

• Regular • Italian

7⁹⁹
lb.

Save \$2.00/lb.

DELI

MARKET BASKET
American Cheese

3⁴⁹
lb.

• White
• Yellow

Save 50¢/lb.

DELI

Progresso
Soup

18.5-19 oz.

2 \$⁴
for

Save \$1.00

51 Varieties

Peet's Coffee

26 Varieties

7⁹⁹
10-11 oz.

Save \$2.00



FARMHOUSE
Bread
& Rolls

16-24 oz.

16 Varieties

2 \$⁷
for

Save \$2.98



THOMAS
Bagels

All Varieties

6 PACK

2 \$⁸
for

Save \$2.98



Stonyfield Organic
Yogurt Pouches

5 \$⁵
for

3.5 oz.

Save \$1.47



Tillamook
Ice Cream

4⁹⁹
48 oz.

Save 50¢

All Varieties



Bounty Paper Towels

6 PACK TRIPLE ROLL

16⁹⁹

Save \$2.00



Featuring Sales Sunday Oct 1st - Saturday Oct 7th

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